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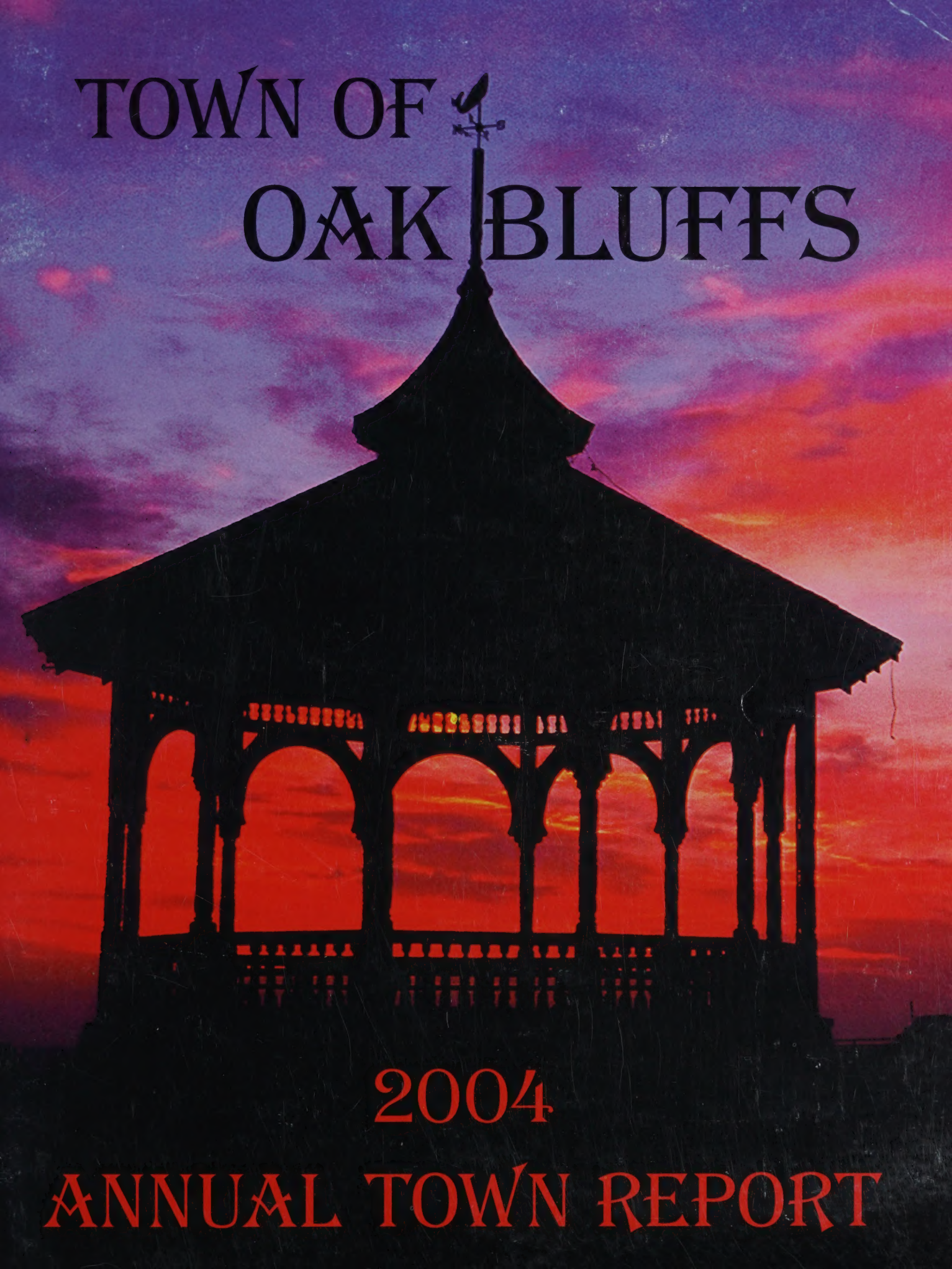

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OAK BLUFFS

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004

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ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PRINTING COMPANY

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County Commissioners

John S. Alley - West Tisbury (08)
Leslie Leland - West Tisbury (06)
Paul A. Strauss - Oak Bluffs (06)
Roger W. Wey - Oak Bluffs (08)
Leonard Jason, Jr. - Chilmark (08)
Nelson W. Smith - Edgartown (06)
Robert Sawyer - Tisbury (06)

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OFFICERS
2004

	Term Expires
Moderator	
David F. Richardson	2005
Members of the Board of Selectman	
Richard D. Combra,	2005
Michael McKee Dutton	2005
Roger W. Wey, Chairman	2006
Gregory Coogan, Vice Chairman	2006
Kerry F. Scoltt	2007
Town Clerk	
Deborah deB. Ratcliff	2005
Collector of Taxes and Collector of Accounts	
Cheryll A. Sashin	2007
Members of the Board of Health	
Sari Diane Budrow	2005
William White, Chairman	2006
Linda Marinelli	2007
Park Commissioners	
Michael Marchand	2005
Allan A. deBettencourt	2006
Richard Combra, Chairman	2007
Cemetery Commissioners	
Melanie M. Bilodeau	2005
Jesse B. Law III, Chairman	2006
James Maseda	2007
Constables	
David Oliveira	2007
Richard Mavro	2007
Tree Warden	
Joseph M. deBettencourt	2006
School Committee	
Priscilla L. Sylvia	2005
Judith Ann O'Donoghue	2006
David E. Morris, Jr.	2007

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

Priscilla L. Sylvia	2007

Member of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

Mimi Davisson	2006
Deborah Pigeon	2006

Finance and Advisory Committee

Adam Wilson	2205
Nicholas Trentacost	2005
Joseph Alosso	2005
John R. Lolley	2005
T. George Davis	2005
Frank H. Case III	2006
Mary E. Davisson, Chairman	2006
Thad Harshbarger	2007
Arthur W. McGrath, Jr.	2007

Planning Board

Kyle Fiore	2005
Martin Nadler	2005
Richard D. Combra, Jr.	2006
Kenneth Rose (Resigned)	2007
David Wessling	2008
John C. Bradford, Chairman	2009

Wastewater Commission

Russell R. Rogers	2005
John W. Leite III	2006
Robert A. Iadicicco	2007

WATER DISTRICT OFFICERS
2004

Moderator

Duncan Ross	2007

Commissioners

Madison E. Alwardt	2005
Kevin H. Johnson	2006
Michael S. deBettencourt	2007

APPOINTMENTS
January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2004

Town Admnistrator

M. Casey Sharpe	July 15, 2005

Assistant Town Accountant

Karen Gomez	April 5, 2005

Animal Control Officer

Keith Laslovich	

Board of Assessors

Melanie M. Bilodeau, Chairman	June 30, 2006
Jesse B. Law, III	June 30, 2007
M. Casey Sharpe	June 30, 2006

Cape Light Compact

Alice Ryan Butler	

Capital Improvement Program Committee

Richard D. Combra, Chairman	June 30, 2006
John Bradford	June 30, 2005
Nelson Eric deBettencourt	June 30, 2007
Donald D. Lambert	June 30, 2005
John Lolly	June 30, 2005
John F. Newson	June 30, 2005
Ambrose William Seward	Resigned

Director of Emergency Management

Peter M. Martell	April, 2006

Community Development Council

Sally L. Appenzellar	June 30, 2005
Rene Balter	June 30, 2005
Harvey Beth	June 30, 2005
Nancy F. Phillips	June 30, 2005
Iana Pressley	June 30, 2005
Stephen A. Sahr	June 30, 2005
Paul A. Strauss	June 30, 2005
Priscilla Sylvia	June 30, 2005
Richard Westcott	June 30, 2005
James Westervelt	June 30, 2005

Conservation Commission

Joan Hughes, Chairman	June 30, 2007
John M. Boardman	June 30, 2006
Paul A. Strauss	June 30, 2005
Mark Wallace, Vice-Chairman	June 30, 2006
Sarah E. Williams	June 30, 2007
Robert Ford	June 30, 2007
John Breckenridge	June 30, 2006

Copeland Plan District Review Board

Renee Balter	Open Ended
Sari D. Budrow	Resigned
Injy Farak Lew	Open Ended
Ann Margetson	Open Ended
Richard Mavro	Open Ended
Ronald H. Mechur	Open Ended
Robyn B. Nash	Open Ended
Kerry Scott	Open Ended
Judy Shemit	Open Ended
Patricia Wallace	Open Ended
David Wessling	Open Ended
Barbara Whitmore	Open Ended

Cottage City Historical Commission

Renee Balter	June 30, 2006
Barbara Baskin	June 30, 2006
James N. C. Brown	June 30, 2005
Kathleen A. Burton	June 30, 2005
Pamela Melrose	June 30, 2005
Philip J. Regan	June 30, 2004
Susan Thompson	June 30, 2005
David Wessling	June 30, 2007
S. David Wilson	June 30, 2007
Alison Shaw, Alternate	
Priscilla Sylvia, Alternate	

Council on Aging

Diane Ball	June 30, 2006
Glenna Barkan	June 30, 2006
Chauncy L. Christian	June 30, 2006
Patricia M. Dorsey	June 30, 2006
James McLauren	June 30, 2007
Dolores Valeriano	June 30, 2006
Dianne Wilson	June 30, 2007

Town Counsel

Ronald H. Rappaport	Open Ended

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

Harvey Beth	Open Ended
Amborse William Seward	Resigned

Economic Development Committee

Paul Strauss	
Timothy Dobel	June 30, 2006
Renee Balter	June 30, 2006
Richard Combra, Jr.	June 30, 2006
Paul Lofgren	June 30, 2006
Peter Martell	June 30, 2006
Robert Iadiciccio	June 30, 2006

Finance Director

Paul Manzi	December 11, 2005

Financeand Advisory Committee

Joseph Alosso	April, 2005

Frank Case	April, 2006
T. George Davis	April, 2004
Mimi Davisson	April, 2006
Thad Harshbarger	April, 2006
John Lolley	April, 2005
Bill McGrath	April, 2007
Ambrose William Seward	Resigned
Nick Trentacost	April, 2005
Adam Wilson	April, 2005
Manny deBettencourt	April, 2004

Fire Chief

Dennis P. Alley, Chief
Ralph D. Norton, Deputy Chief
James Moreis, Sr., Assistant Deputy
Gilbert Forend, Assistant Deputy

Fire Inspector

Barry Bissaillon, Fire Inspector

Gas Inspector

James Moreis, Sr.
William D. Norton, Asst.

Harbor Management Committee

James J. Dorsey	
Barbara A. Gibson	
David Pothier	June 30, 2004
Gary Simmons	June 30, 2004
Frederic A. Sonnenberg	June 30, 2004
Rene BenDavid	June 30, 2005

Harbormaster

Todd Alexander	Open Ended
David Grunden, Assistant	Open Ended

Assistant Harbormaster

Gary d. Simmons	Open Ended

Herring Run Committee

David W. Grunden, Herring Warden	Open Ended
Deacon Perotta	Open Ended
David Pothier	Open Ended

Historical Committee

Renee E. Balter	June 30, 2005
Joan Desautelle	June 30, 2004
Pamela Melrose	June 30, 2004
Alison Shaw	June 30, 2005
Priscilla L. Sylvia	June 30, 2005
Susan E. Thompson	June 30, 2005
S. David Wilson	June 30, 2005

Inspector of Buildings and Zoning

Richard R. Mavro	April, 2006

Joint Transportation Committee

Richard Combra, Jr.	June 30, 2005

Inspector of Wiring

James J. Rogers	Open Ended
Dennis P. Alley, Assistant	Open Ended

Library Board of Trustees

Karen Achilles	June 30, 2004
Richard Ball	June 30, 2006
Joan Desautelle	June 30, 2006
Robert Ford	Juen 30, 2006
Della B. Hardman	June 30, 2004
S. David Wilson	June 30, 2006

Martha's Vineyard Commission

Deacon Perotta	Resigned
John R. Breckenridge	December 31, 2005

Martha's Vineyard Steamship Authority Port Council

Marc Hanover	Open Ended

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Advisory Committee

Joseph Alosso	Open Ended
Polly Bassett	Open Ended
Richard F. Coutinho	Open Ended
Elizabeth D. Durkee	Open Ended

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

Alice Ryan Butler	June 30, 2007

Ocean Park Committee

Gail M. Barmakian	Open Ended
Nancy Billings	Open Ended
Richard Combra, Jr.	Open Ended
Allan A. deBettencourt	Open Ended
Michael S. deBettencourt	Open Ended
Joan Lanza	Open Ended
John W. Leite, III	Open Ended
Priscilla L. Sylvia	Open Ended
Judith Williamson	Open Ended

Park Commissioners

Richard Combra, Jr.	April, 2007
Allan deBettencourt	April, 2006
Michael Marchand	April, 2005

Parking and Traffic Committee

Chief Dennis Alley	June 30, 2005
Renee Balter	June 30, 2005
Chief Erik Blake	June 30, 2005
Richard Combra, Jr.	June 30, 2005
Richard Coutinho	June 30, 2005
John Cummings	June 30, 2005
Jerome Gonsalves	June 30, 2005
Charlene Radcliffe	June 30, 2005
Richard Sherman	June 30, 2005
Kenneth R. Walker	June 30, 2005
Robert S. Weiss	June 30, 2005

Personnel Board

Megan Alley	June 30, 2006
Carl Green	June 30, 2006
T. George Davis	June 30, 2006

Plan Review Committee

Sari D. Budrow	Resigned
Richard Combra, Jr.	
Kevin Cusack	
Richard R. Mavro	Open Ended
Paul Strauss	
David Wessling, Alternate	

Plumbing Inspector

James Moreis, Jr.
William Norton, Assistant

Chief of Police

Erik G. Blake	June 30, 2006

Board of Registrars

Katherine G. Manning	June 30, 2006
Deborah deB Ratcliff	June 30, 2005
Mathilde E. Smith	June 30, 2005
Margaret A. Stafursky	June 30, 2007

Resident Homesite Committee*

Harvey Beth	June 30, 2006
Tyler J. Dean	June 30, 2006
Allen A. deBettencourt	June 30, 2004
Anthony Ferreira	June 30, 2006
Jesse B. Law	June 30, 2006
James Rankin	June 30, 2007

Shellfish Committee

John M. Gibson	June 30, 2006
Paul Humber	June 30, 2006
Mark G. Landers	June 30, 2006
Joseph Leonardo, III	June 30, 2006
Raymond Moreis, Jr.	June 30, 2006
Earl V. Peters	June 30, 2006

Shellfish Constable

David W. Grunden	June 30, 2006
Francis Earl Scott	June 30, 2006

Sign Review Committee

John Bradford
Richard Combra, Jr.
Richard Mavro
Alan J. Schweikert
Alison Shaw
Joseph Uranker
Eliza Usher

Town Hall Renovation Committee

Richard Combra, Jr.	June 30, 2004
David Wessling	June 30, 2004
Edward J. O'Melia, III	June 30, 2004
Alison Shaw	June 30, 2004
Eleanor S. Beth, Alternate	June 30, 2004
S. David Wilson	June 30, 2004

Town Treasurer

Paul Manzi	July 5, 2005i

Assistant Town Treasurer

Donna Michalski	July 5, 2007

Tree Warden

Joseph deBettencourt	April, 2006

Veteran's Agent

JoAnn Murphy	Open Ended

Zoning Board of Appeals

Jane E. Lofgren, Chairman	June 30, 2006
Gail M. Barmakan	June 30, 2006
Larry Johnson	Resigned
William C. Sullivan	June 30, 2007
Mabelle A. Thompson, Alternate	Resigned
Christine Todd	June 30, 2007

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Greetings to the citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The year 2004 brought the usual share of challenges and accomplishments.

The bitter cold weather of the winter challenged our patience and our plumbing.

April brought more pleasing weather and a new Selectman. Kerry Scott replaced Todd Rebello. We thank Selectman Rebello for his years of service and welcome Selectman Scott to the Board.

Cheryll Sashin was elected to the position of Tax Collector, replacing Marguerite Cook who retired after twenty-two years of service to the Town.

Karen Gomez was appointed as a part time Assistant Accountant. She lives "off Island" and commutes to work via the ferry.

After years of divisiveness among residents of the Town over the building of a golf course, the issue of the Southern Woodlands was resolved. The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank signed an Agreement to buy 190 acres of that property from the developer. The Developer retained ninety acres to build a residential subdivision of twenty-six homes.

Following considerable study, discussion and several months of a trial run, it was decided to continue with the four way stop signs at Barnes Road and Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road. (commonly known as the "blinker light").

Ground was broken for the new library which is located just behind Town Hall. Progress on the building is excellent and should be open by the summer of 2005. Thanks to advanced technology, it is possible to watch the construction via a video cam – tune in to our website. newoakbluffslibrary.org

Negotiations are ongoing with the Steamship Authority to improve service to Oak Bluffs, including repairs to the dock, traffic patterns, etc.

The new "fast ferry" service continues to provide fast efficient transportation to the mainland; both year round service to New Bedford and seasonal service to Point Judith, Rhode Island.

Oak Bluffs was honored to be awarded third place for our Town Report. We are in the category of towns with a population of less than 5,000. Thank you to all of the Department Heads and Committee Chairmen who not only submitted well written reports but submitted them on time.

Thank you to all of the people who volunteer their time and talent to the Town, representing the residents on Commissions and Committees; and thank you to the employees who work every day serving the people.

We constantly strive to keep the unique charm and eccentricity of Oak Bluffs, while coping with the inevitable change and growth.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. WEY, Chairman

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 13, 2004

This meeting was called to order at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Performing Arts Center simultaneously with the Annual Town Meeting at 7:02 pm by Moderator David Richardson. The quorum had been met with the arrival of 87 registered voters increasing to 213 during the course of the meetings. Prior to proceeding with the articles presented, Moderator Richardson led the assemblage in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence in remembrance of those that had passed during the preceding year. A preview of a new tourism video, "Oak Bluffs: Feel the Magic" was offered for viewing by Renee Balter, Executive Director of the Oak Bluffs Association. The video was warmly received as the winds lashed the rain against the roof outside. Prior to proceeding with the action on the warrant Moderator Richardson made a motion that the town act under the provisions of General Law Chapter 39, Section 15 for the duration of this meeting allowing the Moderator to declare a 2/3rds voice vote without an actual count. The motion was seconded and so voted unanimously as the meeting proceeded to act upon the following articles at 7:20 pm.

Article 1. Voted unanimously, to transfer from free cash, the sum of $ 9,782. to pay bills from a prior Fiscal Year.

$ 8, 930.00 Environmental Partners Highway Department
$ 851.28 WB Mason Office Supplies
Finance Director

Article 2. Voted, unanimously, to transfer from free cash, the sum of $ 50,000., to pay for State mandated **triennial property revaluation.** Board of Assessors

Article 3. Voted, unanimously, to transfer from free cash, the sum of $ 20,000., to pay for **upgrading** water pipes, **rebuilding** a portion of the floating docks, **replacing** a portion of the mooring tackle and **repairing** pilings damaged due to icing. Harbor Management Committee

Article 4. Voted to transfer from free cash, the sum of $ 10,000. to pay for installation of an **irrigation well in Ocean Park.** Parks & Recreation

Article 5. Voted, unanimously, to approve transferring from existing Cemetery funds, the sum of $ 30,000. to **repave roads** and **install fencing in Oak Grove Cemetery.** Cemetery Commission

Article 6. Voted to transfer from free cash, the sum of $ 20,000. to fund Oak Bluffs' share of the **Massachusetts Estuaries Project** for the Lagoon Pond Estuary Study of nutrient loading and environmental health. Shellfish Department

Article 7. Voted to transfer from free cash, the sum of $ 30,000. to fund **downtown revitalization** projects. Highway Department

Article 8. Voted to **amend** Chapter 736 of the Acts of 1985 as amended, otherwise known as the Act Establishing the **Dukes County Land Bank**, by striking out in Section 12 (m) the words "the first one hundred thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following: "an amount, determined on or before January 1 of each year by the land bank commission after due analysis of the range of real estate prices in the member towns and in no even less than three hundred thousand dollars,". MV Land Bank Commission

Article 9. Voted unanimously, to authorize the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into such **leases** as it deems necessary and appropriate for the **storage shed** located on the land under the control of the Conservation Commission, known as the Sailing Camp Park, identified as Parcel 5 on Assessor Map 22. Conservation Commission

Article 10. Voted unanimously, to approve a change to Section K of Chapter XVII of the **General By-law** entitled Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings to correct a typographical error as recommended by the Cottage City Historic District Commission. Cottage City Historic District Commission

Article 11. Voted unanimously, to amend Chapter XV of the **General By-laws** as follows: Section F. Mopeds, Motor Scooters. 4. Delete… "six (6) licenses per year." , and replace with… "five (5) licenses per year." , and 10. Delete… "388 vehicle registration decals" and replace with …"308 vehicle registration decals". Selectmen

Article 12. Voted unanimously to **DISMISS** the following article, "to accept Section 40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 which permits the Town to assess new buildings, structures or other physical improvements added to real property between January 1st and June 30th for the fiscal year beginning on July 1st, to take effect for fiscal year 2005 ". Board of Assessors

Article 13. Voted unanimously to **DISMISS** the following article, "to fund from any available source, the sum of ? to purchase land located at 48 Pacific Avenue, Oak Bluffs (Map 11, Parcel 266) which immediately abuts the proposed new library site ", after Town Administrator Casey Sharpe announced the town had been gifted the property. Selectmen

At 7:40 pm the motion was made and duly seconded to close this Special Town Meeting.

Attest:

DEBORAH deB. RATCLIFF
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 13, 2004

This meeting which had been called to order earlier along with the Special Town Meeting at 7:00 pm was resumed at 7:40 pm. Prior to any action being taken, Moderator Richardson made the following motion which was duly seconded and so voted unanimously, "that the town should act under the provisions of General Law Chapter 39 Section 15 for the duration of this meeting, thus allowing the moderator to declare a 2/3rds vote without the requirement of an actual count.

Article 1. Moderator Richardson announced that the Town Report as printed reflected the reports of the various boards and committees and no further action was taken.

Article 2. Kenneth Rusczyk made a motion from the floor to **nominate and reinstate** the incumbents to the following positions;

Surveyor of Lumber and Measurer of Wood and Bark:
Greg Harcourt
Field Driver: Brion McGroarty
Fence Viewer: George Fisher

The motion was seconded and so voted unanimously.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate $ 53,366.00 to fund training and purchase equipment for Oak Bluffs' share of the **Martha's Vineyard Community EMS Plan,** which will provide paramedic service to Island residents. Ambulance Department

Article 4. Voted unanimously to approve a transfer from existing Wastewater Retained Earnings, the sum of $ 50,000. to fund a **study** to determine the costs, feasibility and preferred methods of implementation **for adding septage and sludge dewatering capabilities** to the wastewater treatment operations. Resident Hans VonSteiger offered his expertise on this project to Joseph Alosso the Wastewater Department Manager who accepted his offer. Wastewater Department

Article 5. Voted unanimously as amended and as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2, to establish a **Revolving Fund for Department 296, Marina,** to be used to offset costs associated with ongoing need for general repairs at the Oak Bluffs Harbor. This fund would be supported via a $1.00 per boat per night charge for transient marine vessels and will not exceed $15,000.00 in FY 2005. Excess monies collected shall be deposited into the General Fund. Harbor Management Committee

Article 6. Voted as amended to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from other available funds, the sum of $ 18,486,521. (Eighteen Million Four Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Dollars), and to transfer and appropriate from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund the sum of $ 449,680. (Four Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars), all to fund and pay **departmental expenses and Town debt for the ensuing fiscal year** July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

THE BUDGET IS ATTACHED AS ADDENDUM 1.

Article 7. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate $ 7,000. to fund the hard cash match required for the **Drug Task Force grant.** Police Department

Article 8. Voted, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 1(b) to change the office of the **Collector of Taxes** and **Collector of Accounts** from an **Elected to an Appointed** position in 2007. Unsure of the vocal vote the moderator called for a standing vote with the following results. Yes 107 to No 83. Selectmen

Article 9. Voted unanimously to transfer from free cash, the sum of $ 48,000. to fund residential placement tuition. Oak Bluffs School

Article 10. Voted unanimously to authorize the Collector of Taxes and the Treasurer to enter into **compensation balance agreements** during fiscal year 2005 as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44 section 53(f). Finance Director

Article 11. Voted as amended in excess of the required 2/3rds to amend the Oak Bluffs **Zoning Bylaws** by making the following changes:

Section 5.3.7(3) delete "may have on director" and replace with "may have one directory".
Section 8.1.5(3) renumber 8.1.5(2)
Section 8.1.5(5) renumber 8.1.5(3)
Section 8.1.5(6) renumber 8.1.5(4)
Section 8.1.5(7) renumber 8.1.5(5)
Section 8.1.5(8) renumber 8.1.5(6)
Section 8.1.6(4) renumber 8.1.6(2)
Section 8.1.6(5) renumber 8.1.6(3)

Section 8.2: Wherever "ordinance" appears, substitute in its place the word "bylaws"

Use Regulations-Oak Bluffs-Appendix A

Under "Exempt & Institutional Uses":
In "Facilities for the sale of produce" add after "by the owner" the following "or leasee"; and change"Pbsed" to "based".

Under "Commercial Uses":
In Stables –"No" in all districts
Add "Stables on land containing 5 or more acres" and "Yes" in all districts

Under "Residential Uses":

2nd line "Two family dwelling" delete entire row. Planning Board

Article 12. This article pertaining to amendments to the Oak Bluffs Zoning By-laws was defeated.

Article 13. Voted in excess of the required 2/3rds to amend the Oak Bluffs **Zoning Bylaws** by making the following changes.

Section 10.2.3 Regulations- after "The Board of Appeals" add the following "or other Special Permit Granting Authority"

Section 10.2.4 Fees- after "The Board of Appeals" add the following "or other Special Permit Granting Authority" Planning Board

Article 14. Voted in excess of the required 2/3rds to amend the Oak Bluffs **Zoning Bylaw** by amending Section 9 Districts of Critical Planning Concern for the Town of Oak Bluffs as follows.

Add to Section 9.4.b – Copeland Plan District the following:

Section 9.4.b.-6) Section VI: Beginning at the intersection of

the centerlines of Oak Bluffs Avenue and sea View Avenue Extension, thence northwesterly along the centerline of Sea View Avenue Extension to its intersection with Circuit Avenue Extension and thence southwesterly, southerly and southeasterly along the centerline of Circuit Avenue Extension to its intersection with Oak Bluffs avenue and thence northeasterly along the centerline of Oak Bluffs Avenue to the point of origin. Planning Board

Article 15. Voted as amended to take $0.00 from unreserved fund balance to be used to **reduce** the **total to be raised by taxation** in the budget for the next ensuing year. This article appears due to a vote of the April 1986 Annual Town Meeting which so instructed. Selectmen

Article 16. Voted unanimously to transfer from free cash, the sum of $25,000. to deposit in the **Town's Stabilization Fund.** Finance& Advisory Committee/Selectmen

Article 17. Voted unanimously to fix the **compensation of full time and part time elected** officials of the Town as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 41 Section 108 as amended, for the twelve month period from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 as follows.

Moderator	$ 325.
Board of Selectmen/Chair	$ 4,500.
Selectmen/ Members	$ 3,000. Each
Constable (2)	$ 500. Each
Collector of Taxes Salary	$ 42,500.
Collector of Accounts Salary	$ 1,500.
Town Clerk's Salary	$ 53,453.
Tree Warden's Salary	$ 1,500.
Board of Health/Chair	$ 3,000.
Board of Health/members(2)	$ 2,500. Each
Cemetery Commission Chair	$ 250.
Cemetery Commissioners (2)	$ 150. Each

Article 18. Voted unanimously to **elect the following Town Officers** on the official ballot.

One Moderator for 1 year
One Selectman for 3 years
One Collector of Taxes and Collector of Accounts for 3 years
One Board of Health member for 3 years
One Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years
Two Constables for 3 years
One Finance & Advisory Committee Member for 1 year
One Finance & Advisory Committee Member for 2 years
Three Finance & Advisory Committee Members for 3 years
One Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission
Member for 3 years
One Parks Commissioner for 3 years
One Planning Board member for 5 years
One School Committee Member for 3 years
One Wastewater Commissioner for 3 years
One Water District Moderator for 3 years
One Water District Commissioner for 3 years

Article 19. Voted unanimously as amended to authorize the Selectmen to direct that a **street light** be installed at pole # 162-5, at Lagoon Road. By Petition

Article 20. Voted the following without discussion.

RESOLUTION FOR OAK BLUFFS ON THE PATRIOT ACT

WHEREAS the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Massachusetts ensure that every person has the right to freedom of speech and association. Every person has the right to freedom of religion. Every person has the right to assembly and privacy. Every person has the right to due process in judicial proceedings. Every person has the right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure. Stops or arrests may not be made without establishing reasonable suspicion or probable cause that a crime has been committed or is about to be committed. Every person has the right to equal protection under the law and the right not to be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

WHEREAS there is strong evidence that these guarantees are threatened by parts of the USA PATRIOT Act, related legislation, and Federal Executive orders which allow: a) detaining citizens and residents of Oak Bluffs without bringing legal charges and denying their right to counsel; b) monitoring their telephone, internet and library use, video rentals, book and grocery purchases, financial transactions, medical records and other activities without evidence of criminal behavior and without a court order; c) spying on domestic organizations without evidence of wrongdoing, designating organizations as "terrorist: without evidence of intent to act against the US and deporting citizens and residents who contribute to these organizations even if they are unaware of the "terrorist" designation d) conducting secret military tribunals without fundamental legal protections; e) secretly searching the homes of residents and citizens of Oak Bluffs when they are absent; and f) profiling individuals according to their ethnicity

WHEREAS the people of Oak Bluffs are joining over 233 cities and towns in the US in affirming strong opposition to those parts of the USA PATRIOT Act, related legislation and acts, and to certain Justice Department directives and executive orders that weaken or destroy or constitutional civil rights and liberties

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Oak Bluffs should employ all possible leverage to ensure that Federal and State law enforcement officials working on the Island not engage,

To the extent legally permissible, in law enforcement activities that threaten our civil rights and civil liberties, such as surveillance, wiretaps, and securing private information, which the USA PATRIOT Act and related legislation and acts authorize.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Oak Bluffs request that our United States Congressional representatives monitor the implementation of the USA PATRIOT ACT and related legislation, acts, and executive orders, and actively work for the repeal of the parts of those documents that violate fundamental rights and liberties as stated in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Massachusetts, in the United Nations Charter, and the ratified International Covenant on Civil and Political rights, the Convention Against Torture, and the Convention on Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the town Clerk communicate this resolution to all Town departments, the General Court, the Governor and Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, the US Attorney General, the President of the United States and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. By Petition

Following the vote on the last article at 9:15 pm a motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn this Annual Town Meeting until 10:00 in the morning on April 15th to elect the Town Officers as presented on Article 18.

Attest:

DEBORAH deB. RATCLIFF
Town Clerk

FISCAL YEAR 2004 - OPERATING BUDGET

DEPT. & ACCOUNT CODES	DEPARTMENT	FY2005 PROPOSED BUDGET
DEPT 114-	**TOWN MODERATOR**	
5110	**DEPT 114-**	$325.00
	TOTAL TOWN MODERATOR	**$325.00**
DEPT 122-	**SELECTMEN**	
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	$16,500.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$71,456.00
51102	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	$80,000.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$800.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	$101,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$10,000.00
	TOTAL SELECTMEN	**$279,756.00**
DEPT 131-	**FINANCE COMMITTEE**	
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	$3,600.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$1,000.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	$150.00
	TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	**$4,750.00**
DEPT 132-	**FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND**	
5960	RESERVE FUND	$50,000.00
	TOTAL FIN/COMM RESERVE FUND	**$50,000.00**
DEPT 135-	**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**	
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$65,000.00
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	$39,950.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$2,500.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	
	TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	**$107,450.00**
DEPT 141-	**ASSESSORS**	
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	$4,896.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$84,714.00
51107	ASST. ASSESSOR	
51140	LONGEVITY	$300.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	$25,000.00
5380	CARTOGRAPHIC SERVICES	$4,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$5,100.00
96052	REVAL	
	TOTAL ASSESSORS	**$124,010.00**

DEPT 144-	**TOWN TREASURER FIXED COSTS**	
51900	FICA (MEDICARE)	$90,000.00
51901	FICA (SOCIAL SECURITY)	
51911	PENSION FUND	$510,021.00
51913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	$20,000.00
51916	MED. INS-EMPLOYER CONTR.	$1,491,360.00
5212	COMPUTER P/R SERV. CON	$8,500.00
	TOTAL TOWN TREASURER FIXED	**$2,119,881.00**
DEPT. 145-	**TOWN TREASURER**	
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$42,000.00
51104	ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	
51140	LONGEVITY	$500.00
52200	TAX TITLE EXPENSE	$30,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$2,000.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	$500.00
	TOTAL TOWN TREASURER	**$75,000.00**
DEPT 146-	**TAX COLLECTOR**	
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	$42,500.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$64,603.00
51140	LONGEVITY	
51190	COLLECTOR OF ACCTS SALARY	$1,500.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$9,000.00
5725	TAX TITLE EXPENSE	
	TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	**$117,603.00**
DEPT 155-	**DATA PROCESSING**	
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$42,780.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$1,000.00
5320	COMPUTER TRAINING	$10,000.00
5342	COMPUTER SUPPLIES	$13,000.00
5343	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	$43,920.00
5344	UPGRADES	$19,000.00
	TOTAL DATA PROCESSING	**$129,700.00**
DEPT 161-	**TOWN CLERK**	
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	$53,453.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$36,848.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$500.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$2,830.00
	TOTAL TOWN CLERK	**$93,631.00**
DEPT 163-	**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**	
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	$2,000.00
51100	CONSTABLES	$1,000.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$11,606.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$3,790.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF REGISTRARS	**$18,396.00**
DEPT 171-	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**	
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$39,674.00
51140	LONGEVITY	
51171	CARETAKER'S SALARY	$11,370.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	$1,500.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$745.00
5702	MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	$5,550.00
5710	TRAVEL EXPENSES	$200.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	$500.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	$150.00
	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	**$59,689.00**

DEPT 175-	**PLANNING BOARD**	
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	$3,818.00
5210	CONSULTING ENGINEERING	$2,600.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$725.00
	TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	**$7,143.00**
DEPT 176-	**BOARD OF APPEALS**	
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	
5341	ADVERTISING	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	
	TOTAL BOARD OF APPEALS	
DEPT 199-	**UNCLASSIFIED SELECTMEN**	
51914	INSURANCE EXPENSE	$400,000.00
52000	STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	$78,750.00
52019	TOWN REPORT	$7,000.00
52100	SELF INSURANCE TRUST FUND	$10,000.00
5211	TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES	$60,000.00
5270	COPY MACHINE SUPPLIES	$15,000.00
5273	LEASE LAND FOR DRAINAGE	$1,250.00
5301	ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL	$18,500.00
5302	ANNUAL AUDIT	$32,000.00
5340	TELEPHONE	$40,000.00
5341	ADVERTISING	$6,000.00
5344	POSTAGE	$20,000.00
5420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	$40,000.00
56901	MV LAND/WATER COMM ASSESS	$101,218.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$34,762.00
	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED SELECTMEN	**$864,480.00**
DEPT 210-	**POLICE DEPARTMENT**	
5110	CONSTABLES	
51101	ADMIN. SALARIES CLERK I & II	$28,875.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$3,400.00
51210	POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY	$74,984.00
51211	LIEUTENANT SALARY	$65,956.00
51212	PATROLMEN SALARIES	$440,326.00
51213	SUMMER, TEMP. & SPECIAL POLICE	$149,601.00
51214	PATROL SERGEANT	$121,310.00
51215	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	$39,375.00
51216	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	$0.00
51217	QUINN BILL	$62,229.00
51292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SALARY	$29,320.00
51293	ASSIST. A/C OFFICER SALARY	$8,358.00
51294	A. CONTROL OTHER CHARGES	$3,000.00
51295	A/C INOCULATION	
5186	DETECTIVE SALARY	$50,400.00
5190	ADDITIONAL SALARY EXPENSE	$131,000.00
5306	DELTA DENTAL	$4,500.00
5307	LEGAL PROTECTION	$1,950.00
5308	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS COLL. SYS.	$1,000.00
5345	INTERNET CHARGES	$0.00
5580	UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	$37,104.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	$15,000.00
	HEALTH & FITNESS	
5709	WW FEES	
	TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	**$1,267,688.00**
DEPT 220-	**FIRE DEPARTMENT**	
51101	SALARIES	$94,500.00
51102	SALARIES FOR NON-RELATED FIRE	$5,000.00

5243	BUILDING REPAIRS	$4,000.00
5588	FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	$1,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$38,763.00
	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	**$143,263.00**
DEPT 231-	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**	
51101	CAPTAIN SALARIES	$95,476.00
51232	EMT SALARY	
	LONGEVITY	$1,000.00
	OVERTIME/EXTRA COVERAGE	$1,000.00
51400	SHIFT PAY	$76,325.00
5150	IMMUNIZATION OF EMTS	$1,000.00
5190	TRAINING & TUITION	$10,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$17,000.00
5701	OFF ISLAND TRANSPORTS	$0.00
	TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	**$201,801.00**
DEPT 241-	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**	
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$91,032.00
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	
51140	LONGEVITY	$800.00
51242	SEPARATE INSPECTORS	
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	$20,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$260.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	$200.00
5780	INSTRUCTIONAL & CONFERENCES	$2,000.00
	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	**$114,292.00**
DEPT 249-	**SHELLFISH**	
51101	CONSTABLES SALARY	$84,251.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$300.00
5130	HOLIDAY, OVERTIME PAY	$2,834.00
52249	TOWN SHARE- MARINE BIOLOGIST	$23,575.00
53400	FREIGHT, ADV., POSTAGE & RINGS	$280.00
5420	SUPPLIES	$2,200.00
5713	TRAVEL, CONFERENCES & DUES	$1,100.00
5881	EQUIPMENT	$700.00
	TOTAL SHELLFISH	**$115,240.00**
DEPT 291-	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$4,000.00
	TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	**$4,000.00**
DEPT 294-	**FORESTRY**	
51101	TREE WARDEN SALARY	
51140	LONGEVITY	
5700	STATE LICENSE	
	TOTAL FORESTRY	
DEPT 296-	**MARINA/HARBOR**	
51101	SALARIES	$186,783.00
5240	REPAIRS & MATERIALS	$26,000.00
5481	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	$6,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$20,000.00
5750	CONTINGENCY	$0.00
	TOTAL MARINA/HARBOR	**$238,783.00**
DEPT 300-	**SCHOOL**	
5000	RESERVE	$139,263.00
5100	ADMINISTRATIVE	$171,138.00
5200	INSTRUCTIONAL	$4,009,584.00
5400	SERVICE	$171,976.00
5700	OPERATION	$341,776.00
	Charter School Assessment	

	TOTAL SCHOOL	**$4,833,737.00**
DEPT 301-	**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HS**	
5690	MVRHS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	$2,397,549.00
5800	MVRHS CAPITAL OUTLAY	$169,354.00
	TOTAL MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG. HS	**$2,566,903.00**
DEPT 421-	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**	
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$150,720.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$3,400.00
51193	PUBLIC BLDG MAINTENANCE	$35,000.00
5130	OTHER WAGES	$91,710.00
5131	SNOW & ICE OVERTIME	$35,425.00
51422	LABORER/MECHANIC SALARIES	$331,118.00
5240	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	$57,000.00
5241	TIPPING FEES	$228,102.00
5245	RECYCLING MATERIALS DISP.	$21,000.00
5291	SNOW REMOVAL	$8,000.00
5292	COLLECTION OF OFFAL	$4,500.00
5293	MAINT. FARM POND CULVERT	$1,000.00
5294	SWEEPER	$18,740.00
5295	RUB TRUCK	$20,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$151,525.00
5709	WW FEES	$22,000.00
58422	ROAD CONSTRUCTION	$250,000.00
	TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	**$1,429,240.00**
DEPT 491-	**CEMETERY**	
5110	COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES	$550.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY	**$550.00**
DEPT 519-	**BOARD OF HEALTH**	
5110	BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	$8,000.00
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	$29,557.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$300.00
5120	SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT	$0.00
51520	HEALTH AGENT'S SALARY	$43,554.00
5245	RECYCLING MATERIALS DISP.	$0.00
5246	HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL	$14,416.00
5301	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING	$18,425.00
5303	ADVERTISING	$540.00
5420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	$0.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$7,220.00
5701	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	$160.00
5715	CELLPHONE/PAGER CHARGES	$0.00
5717	SCHOOL, SEMINARS, & TRAINING	$300.00
5730	DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	$105.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	**$122,577.00**
DEPT 541-	**COUNCIL ON AGING**	
51101	SALARIES	$80,904.00
51108	OVERTIME	$0.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$550.00
5350	OLDER AMERICAN ACTS (ICOA)	$9,994.00
5351	SOCIAL DAY CARE (ICOA)	$6,690.00
5352	OFFICE EXPENSE (ICOA)	$13,370.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$7,500.00
	CONFERENCE & EDUCATION	
	TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	**$119,008.00**
DEPT 543-	**VETERANS' SERVICES**	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$400.00
5770	BENEFIT PAYMENTS	$10,000.00

	TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES	**$10,400.00**
DEPT 610-	**LIBRARY**	
51101	SALARIES	$148,406.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$800.00
5240	EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE	$2,000.00
5511	BOOKS & PERIODICALS	$48,054.00
5582	SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	$5,716.00
5709	WW FEES	$748.00
5583	GRANT EXPENSES	
5799	COMPUTER AUTOMATION (CLAMS)	$15,480.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY	**$221,204.00**
DEPT 612-	**ARTS COUNCIL**	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$500.00
	TOTAL ARTS COUNCIL	**$500.00**
DEPT 630-	**PARKS & RECREATION**	
51101	FOREMAN SALARY	$43,493.00
51105	OTHER SALARIES	$83,468.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$500.00
5401	TOWN BEACH	$700.00
5463	MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT	$1,300.00
5464	FERTILIZER, SHRUBS, & TREES	$5,000.00
5488	BAND CONCERTS	$3,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$16,500.00
	TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION	**$153,961.00**
	DEBT SCHEDULE	
	NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	
	$ 8,000,000.00 ISSUE	
01-710-5927	PRINCIPAL	$750,000.00
01-750-5927	INTEREST	$261,045.00
	NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	
	$4,900,000.00	
01-710-5927	PRINCIPAL	$0.00
01-750-5927	INTEREST	$0.00
	LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION	
01-710-5933	PRINCIPAL	$195,000.00
01-750-5933	INTEREST	$161,500.00
	TISBURY - OAK BLUFFS SCALE	
01-710-5933	PRINCIPAL	
01-750-5933	INTEREST	
	RECONSTRUCT PUBLIC WHARF PHASE III	
01-710-5929	PRINCIPAL	$0.00
01-750-5929	INTEREST	$0.00
	WASTEWATER PROJECT	
01-720-5932	PRINCIPAL	$619,331.00
01-751-5932	INTEREST	$249,265.00
01-751-5935	MWPAT (SRF LOAN)	$0.00
	LANDFILL CAPPING	
01-710-5934	PRINCIPAL	$89,691.00
01-751-5934	INTEREST	$20,140.00

01-760-5998	BOND ISSUANCE COST	$35,000.00
01-760-5999	BOND REGISTER & TRANSFER	$600.00
01-751-5926	INTEREST ON TEMPORARY NOTES	$6,306.00
	TOTAL DEBT SCHEDULE	**$2,387,878.00**
	SUB TOTAL	**$17,982,839.00**
DEPT 60198-	**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**	
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	$189,782.00
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	$0.00
51108	OVERTIME	$10,000.00
51140	LONGEVITY	$0.00
51914	INSURANCE	$2,000.00
5211	TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES	$2,000.00
5215	ELECTRIC	$60,000.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	$14,000.00
5340	TELEPHONE	$14,500.00
5400	SUPPLIES	$5,000.00
5402	CHEMICALS	$26,000.00
5420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	$1,200.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	$20,000.00
5702	MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	$5,000.00
5704	SLUDGE DISPOSAL	$100,000.00
5705	EQUIPMENT	$14,000.00
5706	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	$14,000.00
5707	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	$2,500.00
5710	TRAVEL EXPENSES	$2,500.00
5711	TRAINING	$1,000.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	$200.00
5750	CONTINGENCY	$20,000.00
	TOTAL WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT	**$503,682.00**
	GRAND TOTALS	**$18,486,521.00**

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 2, 2004

Pursuant to the warrant, Town Clerk Deborah deB. Ratcliff declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. in the Megan Alley Community Room of the Oak Bluffs School on Tradewinds Road. Present for the reception of voters were Mathilde Smith, Katherine Manning, Laura Johnston, Lois DeBettencourt and Deborah deB. Ratcliff. Constable Sari Budrow and Registrar Board Member Margaret Stafursky arrived later in the day to assist with this election.

The polls were declared closed by Constable Sari Budrow. at 8:00 p.m. A total of 602 of the 3112 registered voters in this town participated in this election. Of these, 35 by absentee ballot. The percentage result is 19%.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Presidential Preference	**Votes Cast**	
George W. Bush	36	
No Preference	6	
Blanks	1	
Write-in	7	
Total		50
State Committee Man		
Robert F. Dwyer	41	
Blanks	9	
Write-ins	0	
Total		50
State Committee Woman		
Cynthia E. Stead	40	
Blanks	10	
Write-ins	0	
Total		50
Town Committee (10)		
Blanks	499	
Write-ins	1	
Total		500

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Presidential Preference		
Richard Gephardt	2	
Joseph Lieberman	3	
Wesley K. Clark	3	
Howard Dean	11	
Carol Moseley Braun	1	
John Edwards	80	
Dennis J. Kucinich	18	
John F. Kerry	415	
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	0	
Al Sharpton	11	
No Preference	4	
Blanks	0	
Write-in	1	
Total		549
State Committee Man		
Cleon H. Turner	315	
Blanks	231	
Write-ins	3	
Total		549
State Committee Woman		
Jane F. Fleming	329	
Blanks	218	
Write-in	2	
Total		549
Town Committee (5)		
Blanks	2706	
Write-ins	39	
Total		549

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

Presidential Preference		
Kent Mesplay	0	
Lorna Salzman	0	
Paul Glover	0	
David Cobb	0	
No Preference	0	
Write-in	1	
Total		1
State Committee Man		
Blank	1	
Total		1
State Committee Woman		
Blank	1	
Total		1
Town Committee		
Blanks	10	
Total		10

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Presidential Preference		
Jeffrey Diket	0	
Ruben Perez	0	
Aaron Russo	0	
Michael Badnarik	0	
Gary Nolan	0	
No Preference	1	
Blanks	0	
Write-ins	1	
Total		2
State Committee Man		
Blanks	2	
Write-ins	0	
Total		2
State Committee Woman		
Blanks	2	
Write-ins	0	
Total		2
Town Committee (3)		
Blanks	6	
Write-ins	0	
Total		6

A declaration of the votes cast was made by the Town Clerk at 9:00 pm. All ballots, both used and unused, were returned to the Town Hall to be kept the prescribed time.

ATTEST

DEBORAH DEB. RATCLIFF, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Pursuant to the warrant, Town Clerk Deborah deB. Ratcliff declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. in the Megan Alley Community Room at the Oak Bluffs School on Trade-winds Road. Present for the reception of voters were Mathilde Smith, Katherine Manning, Laura Johnston, Lois DeBettencourt and Town Clerk, Deborah deB. Ratcliff. Margaret Stafursky arrived later in the day, to assist.

At 8:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed by Town Clerk Deborah deB. Ratcliff. The ballot box reflected that a total of 214 voters or 7% had participated in this election out of the total registered of 3120. Of the ballots cast, 33 were absentees. Following the announcement of the victors at 8:30 p.m. the ballots were sealed and returned to Town Hall to be stored the prescribed time.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Representative in Congress

Michael J. Jones	47	
Blanks	2	
Total		49

Councillor

Blanks	49	
Total		49

Senator on General Court

Gail Bronwyn Lese	45	
Blanks	4	
Total		49

Representative in General Court

James Powell	48	
Blanks	1	
Total		49

Sheriff

Michael A. McCormack	1	
Blanks	48	
Total		49

County Commissioner

George J. Balco	48	
Blanks	99	
Total		147

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Representative in Congress

William D. Delahunt	153	
Blanks	12	
Total		165

Councillor

Carole A. Fiola	127	
Blanks	38	
Total		165

Senator In General Court

Robert A. O'Leary	151	
Blanks	13	
All Other	1	
Total		165

Representative in General Court

Eric T. Turkington	156	
Blanks	8	
All Others	1	
Total		165

Sheriff

Michael A. McCormack	147	
Blanks	18	
Total		165

County Commissioner

John Samuel Alley	112	
Leonard Jason, Jr.	115	
Roger William Wey	137	
Blanks	130	
George J. Balco	1	
Total		495

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Representative in Congress

Total	0

Councillor

Total	0

Senator in General Court

Total	0

Representative in General Court

Total	0

Sheriff

Total	0

County Commissioner

Total	0

GREEN- RAINBOW PARTY

Representative in Congress

Total	0

Councillor

Total	0

Senator in General Court

Total	0

Representative in General Court

Total	0

Sheriff

Total	0

County Commissioner

Total	0

ATTEST

DEBORAH DEB. RATCLIFF, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Pursuant to the warrant, the polls were declared open by Town Clerk Deborah deB. Ratcliff at 7:00 a.m. The following poll workers were in attendance for the reception of voters; Laura Johnston, Mathilde Smith, Lois DeBettencourt, Katherine Manning and Patricia Ingalls. Bertha Madeiras, Melanie daRosa, Margarite Cook, Margaret Stafursky and Constables Richard Mavro and David Oliveira arrived, at different times throughout the day, to provide assistance. Unfortunately, Mathilde Smith had to leave due to illness at 8:30 am. The polls were declared closed by Constable Oliveira at 8:00 p.m. The ballot box reflected that a total of 2497 voters of the 3173 registered had cast their ballots and of these, 400 were by absentee ballot. Following a count of the write-in candidates, an announcement was made of the unofficial election results at 9:30 p.m. All elections materials were then transported back to the town hall to be stored for the proscribed time and notifications of elections results were made to the various news services.

An additional 25 Provisional ballots had been cast and 5 overseas absentees had not yet been returned at this time. In accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Secretary of State's Office a review of the voters whom had cast these Provisional ballots was made and 7 were found to be eligible and an additional 3 Overseas absentee ballots were received within the 10 day grace period. These additional ballots brought the total to 2507. With the inclusion of these 10 additional ballots we arrived at the following official results which were subsequently recorded with the County and State election offices.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Badnarik and Campagna	13	
Bush and Cheney	698	
Cobb and LaMarche	10	
Kerry and Edwards	1770	
Blanks	5	
Ralph Nader	4	
A/O	7	
Total		2507

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

William D. Delahunt	1851	
Michael J. Jones	538	
Blanks	117	
A/O	1	
Total		2507

COUNCILLOR

Carole A. Fiola	1634	
Blanks	869	
A/O	4	
Total		2507

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Robert O'Leary	1725	
Gail Bronwyn Lese	545	
Luiz Gonzaga	87	
Blanks	150	
Total		2507

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Eric T. Turkington	1536	
James PowelL	869	
Blanks	102	
Total		2507

SHERIFF

Michael A. McCormack	1928	
Blanks	565	
A/O	14	
Total		2507

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (3)

John Samuel Alley	1421	
Leonard Jason, Jr.	1424	
Roger W. Wey	1554	
George J. Balco	828	
Blanks	2280	
A/O	14	
Total		7521

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION (9)

James Athearn	1464	
John D. Best	1219	
Christina Brown	1152	
Megan Ottens-Sargent	1039	
E. Douglas Sederholm	961	
Linda Bauer Sibley	1144	
Andrew M. Woodruff	1228	
Mimi Davisson	1246	
Blanks	12971	
Deborah Pigeon	53	
Andrew Grant	7	
A/O	79	
Total		22563

ATTEST

DEBORAH DEB. RATCLIFF, Town Clerk

RETURNS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2004

Date	Name	Residence
JANUARY		
16	STEPHEN JAMES CARLSON	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ALENA MIHAILOVNA DZIARKACH	OAK BLUFFS, MA
APRIL		
2	GEOFFREY W. FLASH	ROCKAWAY, NJ
	DIANE LYNN SCHEIBLIN	CARLSTADT, NJ
10	JASON CRAIG KURTH	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	CHRISTINE M. ANTHONY	OAK BLUFFS, MA
MAY		
14	ANDREW GRANT	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ANGELA ELIZABETH GOMPERT	OAK BLUFFS, MA
15	JAMES WILBERT RAGER	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	BECKY JO LEE	OAK BLUFFS, MA
21	ALISON SHAW	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	SUSAN ELIZABETH DAWSON	OAK BLUFFS, MA
22	NORMAN CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM	EDGARTOWN, MA
	SUZANNE HOPE LABELL	EDGARTOWN, MA
30	BJORN ALEXANDER STORZ	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	MARTA ANGELICA MORAIS	OAK BLUFFS, MA
JUNE		
5	CAROLE BETH GOODMAN	NEW YORK, NY
	JUAN FERRERA	NEW YORK, NY
6	ROY ARTHUR GRANT	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	RICHARD JOSEPH ZIELINSKI	SOMMERSWORTH, NH
12	MARY FRANCES LINHARES	BOURNE, MA
	LISA MARIE MARKLEY	BOURNE, MA
19	CHRISTIAN DOUGLAS WALL	HOBOKEN, NJ
	MAGGIE REYNOLDS LICHTSTEIN	HOBOKEN, NJ
26	VICTORIA KAY BARR	WESTON, CT
	RALLE RAE GREENBERG	WESTON, CT
JULY		
2	SEAN HOLDEN KAHAK	SAN DIEGO, CA
	EMILY JANE HILLNER	SAN DIEGO, CA
9	ROBERT FULTON HOPEMAN	OAKLAND, CA
	CHRISTINA MARIE PARR	OAKLAND, CA

MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
JULY		
10	JUAN JOSE SANCHEZ	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ROCIO GARCIA	OAK BLUFFS, MA
11	JAMES PIERPONT COMER	NORTH HAVEN, CT
	BETTYE RUTH FLETCHER	WATERFORD, CT
17	COURTNEY ELLIOTT MOREIS	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	JILL MARIE GAULT	OAK BLUFFS, MA
17	SALLY CATHERINE HUGHES	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ELAINE MABEL MERRITT	PLAINFIELD, NJ
25	KYLE LEIGH PETERS	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	MELISSA CARLETON CARR	OAK BLUFFS, MA
31	DAVID SCHLESINGER JACOBS	SANTA CRUZ, CA
	EMILY JOANNA KLEIN	SANTA CRUZ, CA
AUGUST		
2	ROGERIO deASSIS	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	KIVIA ROSEANE BONJOUR MOREIRA	OAK BLUFFS, MA
7	NIA JOY RHODES	LAURELTON, NY
	TUNDE AJILORE JACKSON	BROOKLYN, NY
13	GINA PATTI	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ROBERT OSLYN	OAK BLUFFS, MA
14	LISA C. PEREZ	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	DAVID W. ROBERTS	TISBURY, MA
20	CHEYANNE DAWN VANDALL	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	RICHARD JOHN COWEN	OAK BLUFFS, MA
21	MICHAEL JOHN DECKER	AUSTIN, TX
	TARA LEIGH McCARTHY	AUSTIN, TX
SEPTEMBER		
5	KIMBERLY MICHELE WHYTE	LOWELL, MA
	JONATHAN PRESTON AVERILL	OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	BRIAN CLEMENT PACKISH	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	RENATA CHRISTINA BARROS	OAK BLUFFS, MA
11	MARGARET KERNEY CALLAGY	BROOKLYN, NY
	JOSEPH LANE COLGAN	BROOKLYN, NY
11	WELINGTON E. DEMIRANDA	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	SARA F. DO NASCIMENTO	NEW BEDFORD, MA

MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
SEPTEMBER		
18	JON WILLIAM CAMMERMEYER	SEATTLE, WA
	KENDALL JOY FISHER	SEATTLE, WA
18	KATHLEEN LOUISE BARRY	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ERIK RICHARD GRABER	OAK BLUFFS, MA
18	GAIL PENFIELD DAWLEY	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	KENNETH KNIGHT	OKEECHOBEE, FL
25	LAUREN SYDNEY WOLF	NEW YORK, NY
	DEREK ALEXANDER KLOWAK	NEW YORK, NY
25	ANITA M. LANDERS	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	DAVID K. BILLINGS	OAK BLUFFS, MA
OCTOBER		
3	JOHN VICTOR TIERNAN	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ERIN MELISSA GRIFFIN	OAK BLUFFS, MA
9	LISA MARIE DESANTIS	SKANEATELES, NY
	ROBERT RULLI	SKANEATELES, NY
9	RONALD J. SEARLE	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	CAROL ANN ELLIOTT	OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	ROBERT PARIS RIGER	WEST TISBURY, MA
	RICHARD DUKE PIPER	WEST TISBURY, MA
16	JENNIFER MILLER REDGERS	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ROGER JEAN SCHILLING	OAK BLUFFS, MA
17	MICHAEL JOHN SEDLIER	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	ALISSANDRA PEREIRA SOARES	OAK BLUFFS, MA
NOVEMBER		
6	RENEE CHARISE WARD	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM OTERI	OAK BLUFFS, MA
13	IDALYN LAURA MACCHIA	TISBURY, MA
	CHARLES ROSS GILSTAD	OAK BLUFFS, MA
18	JOSE MARTINS MENDES	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	CARLA NUNES PAIZANTE	WEST TISBURY, MA
18	DALVINA D. SANTIAGO	OAK BLUFFS, MA
	SILAS M. AMARAL	OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	MARIA ULRIKA WESTBY	WEST TISBURY, MA
	DANIEL TSANKOV TSANKOV	OAK BLUFFS, MA

RETURNS OF DEATHS RECORDED IN 2004

Date	Name	Age	Residence
JANUARY			
2	MARY J. PETERS	87	OAK BLUFFS, MA
8	DR. FLEMMING H. NORRIS III	77	OAK BLUFFS, MA
11	JOHN G. ROGERS	76	TISBURY, MA
18	ELLA M. CULLEN	80	CHILMARK, MA
29	ROBERT JOSEPH TAYLOR	86	OAK BLUFFS, MA
29	ANNA MARIE WARD	92	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	FLORENCE C. BRESSLER	83	EDGARTOWN, MA
30	NANCY S. TRAVERS	70	OAK BLUFFS, MA
FEBRUARY			
2	EDWARD VERNON FRANKLIN	89	TISBURY, MA
7	BRYON EMERSON BLAKE	84	EDGARTOWN, MA
17	KENNETH EARLE HAMMOND	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
17	JEAN GLADYS ONDRICK	83	TISBURY, MA
29	PAULINE EUGENIE LEE	91	OAK BLUFFS, MA
MARCH			
9	WALTER COLBY SMITH, JR.	63	EDGARTOWN, MA
15	GLADYS ABBY PAYNE	96	OAK BLUFFS, MA
23	RAYMOND ELLSWORTH CAMPBELL	70	OAK BLUFFS, MA
31	STANLEY MAYNARD	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
APRIL			
20	WILLIAM HOWARD ANDREWS, JR.	81	EDGARTOWN, MA
MAY			
7	DAVID D. FURINO	17	EDGARTOWN, MA
7	KEVIN H. JOHNSON, II	16	OAK BLUFFS, MA
9	FLORENCE DALTON CHAPMAN MILLS	84	OAK BLUFFS, MA
14	VIRGINIA HIPKOE MCLEAN	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA
17	ANNIE KVETFSKI	88	OAK BLUFFS, MA
27	IDA BATTEN	83	EDGARTOWN, MA
31	MARY LOUISE HOLMAN	97	OAK BLUFFS, MA
JUNE			
2	MARY LYDIA CANHA	88	WEST TISBURY, MA

DEATHS - Continued

Date	Name	Age	Residence
JUNE			
12	ROBERT E. SPEAR	44	EDGARTOWN, MA
17	ARCHER HARMAN, JR.	81	EDGARTOWN, MA
17	CATHERINE MARY OHLSON	78	OAK BLUFFS, MA
JULY			
2	SUMNER H. OHLSON	85	OAK BLUFFS, MA
8	PAMELA A. HEYLIN	58	OAK BLUFFS, MA
11	PARASKEVE MARY GIOSMAS	86	OAK BLUFFS, MA
22	HERMAN DAVID GAZAILLE	66	EDGARTOWN, MA
24	FREDERICK EDWARD PHILLIPS	68	OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	GEORGE VANBUREN TANKARD, JR.	70	OAK BLUFFS, MA
26	MELVIN JOY MANNING, JR.	89	OAK BLUFFS, MA
28	JEANETTE C. PENNEY	69	OAK BLUFFS, MA
29	RICHARD L. WILLIAMS	50	OAK BLUFFS, MA
31	THELMAN MENEARS CRAWFORD	75	OAK BLUFFS, MA
AUGUST			
4	JUSTINE TYRRELL PRIESTLEY	83	OAK BLUFFS, MA
8	EVA MAE ASSELIN	83	TISBURY, MA
12	MADELEIN M. CONDON	82	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	MARILYN REBELLO	68	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	KATHERINE MASEDA	46	OAK BLUFFS, MA
25	MARY S. MILLER	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
25	LEONARD T. STROPLE	38	TISBURY, MA
29	JOHN ST. PIERRE ROGERS	74	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	RUTH ELIZABETH REESE BELL	89	OAK BLUFFS, MA
SEPTEMBER			
7	JOSEPHINE ELAINE MACDONALD	85	OAK BLUFFS, MA
8	DORIS SVIRIDOFF	85	NEW YORK, NY
8	FLORENCE MEAD GROVER	81	EDGARTOWN, MA
9	ROBERT S. COOK	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA
9	NADIR FARIA LEMES SOARES	54	BELO HORIZONTE, MG, BRAZIL
11	JEAN L. GREEN	87	EDGARTOWN, MA
17	HELEN MARY GORSKI	86	OAK BLUFFS, MA
26	MURIEL A. FISHER	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA

DEATHS - Continued

Date	Name	Age	Residence
OCTOBER			
3	LINWOOD J. BELISLE	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	REGINA RUTH LAZEROW	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
12	LUCILLE V. DORSEY	78	TISBURY, MA
15	LAWRENCE AMOS GAZAILLE	83	EDGARTOWN, MA
22	ANNA M. VENUS	78	DELMAR, NY
NOVEMBER			
8	MARILYN A. WILLOUGHBY	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
12	VIRGINIA WOODBURYN MACDONALD	85	WES TISBURY, MA
14	GILBERT FRANK	87	TISBURY, MA
17	ELLA MAE LITTLEHALES	82	EDGARTOWN, MA
24	KATHLEEN MCKECHNIE	59	OAK BLUFFS, MA
25	UNA PINETTE ANDREWS	97	TISBURY, MA
27	LYNN M. JARDIN	48	EDGARTOWN, MA
DECEMBER			
1	FRANCIS F. COURNOYER	68	WEST TISBURY, MA
5	PAULINE L. MCDONALD	75	OAK BLUFFS, MA
9	HENRY NUTE CHAFFEE	83	VERO BEACH, FL
12	BENEDICT GUNTER BARKAN	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA
15	EDWARD KRIKORIAN, JR.	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	MARY F. GUTEKUNST BARTOCCI	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
26	STANLEY THEODORE GABIS	85	WEST TISBURY, MA
29	DAVID M. RITTER	77	TISBURY, MA

PERSONNEL BOARD REPORT

Our authority to govern the classification and compensation plans for the Town of Oak Bluffs arises from Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41 et seq. We work closely with the Town Administrator, who serves as a non-voting member except in the case of a tied vote. We advise the Board of Selectmen - as the ultimate employer of all Town personnel - in matters relating to wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment.

Last year, contracts with the Police, department supervisors and support staff expired and negotiations began in earnest toward new, three (3) year contracts. The Personnel Board acted on two (2) reclassifications, and established a new wage schedule for our Town's seasonal employees. We approved one (1) new full time position in the Council on Aging and eliminated one (1) part time position in that department. We approved job descriptions for two (2) additional full time positions to be filled upon opening of the new public library.

We voted to establish a system of 'merit pay increases' for employees not covered by contracts, but who are subject to the Personnel By-laws. Merit pay is defined as an amount added to the base wages of an employee who has demonstrated higher than satisfactory performance in his/her job; a performance evaluation is a pre-requisite to awarding merit pay, as are departmental funds.

No employee grievances were filed in 2004. It is anticipated that all employees will benefit from wage increases in fiscal 2006, within a balanced budget. We would like to take this opportunity to commend all the hard-working and dedicated employees of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

MEGAN ALLEY
GEORGE DAVIS
CARL GREEN

FINANCE

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the full and fair valuation of all Oak Bluffs real and personal property for the purpose of the equitable distribution of the property tax burden. In order to attain that goal, the assessors maintain an extensive database containing the property characteristics of each parcel of real property in the Town, as well as all items of taxable personal property. Additionally, the assessors regularly collect and analyze data pertaining to recent real estate transactions, current costs of land acquisition and building construction, commercial market rents, vacancies, and expenses, and land use issues to assist them in the determination of market value.

Massachusetts General Laws dictate that property be assessed at full and fair valuation as of January 1st preceding the beginning of each fiscal year. Every three years, the Department of Revenue performs a procedural audit of the assessors' work to certify that the Town is meeting its statutory requirement of full and fair value. This audit took place for fiscal year 2005.

The values on the average single family home increased from $472,500 to $541,542. Using this value, the tax bill for the average residence increased from approximately $3,277 to $3,309 in Fiscal Year 2005. This is an increase of $82.00 over last year. The Fiscal Year 2005 tax rate is $6.07. This is down seventy-six cents over last year's rate of $6.83. The total value of the town went from $2,046,869,602 to $2,372,234,985, an increase of 16%.

Listed below are the amounts levied through the real and personal property tax, the motor vehicle excise tax during calendar year 2004, as well as the real estate exemptions granted for fiscal year 2004. Due to a change in the 41C Elderly exemption qualifications we were able to award a greater number of these exemptions.

2004 TAX COMMITMENTS

Real Property (FY05)	$14,165,625.73
Wastewater Special Assessment & Interest	$ 460,965.21
Personal Property (FY05)	$ 236,930.68
Motor Vehicle Excise (FY04)	$ 700,448.17
Water Lien	$ 6,350.53
Wastewater Lien and Interest	$ 16,757.46
Total Tax Commitments	**$15,587,076.78**

2004 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Clause 17D (Elderly, Surviving Spouse)	$ 6,146.75
Clause 22 (Veterans)	$ 4,700.00
Clause 37A (Blind)	$ 1,500.00
Clause 41C (Elderly)	$ 29,000.00
Clause 50 (Elderly Housing)	$ 500.00
Clause 18 (Hardship)	$ 1,502.60
Senior Work-off	$ 4,500.00
Total Tax Exemptions	**$ 47,849.35**

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE B. LAW, III, Chairman
MELANIE M. BILODEAU, Clerk
M. CASEY SHARPE, Member

DIANNE WILSON, MMA, Principal Assessor

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

To the honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

In accordance with the State Statute, Section 6 of Chapter 41, I hereby submit the Annual Financial Report of the Town of Oak Bluffs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. The Town is audited yearly by a certified public accountant. The complete Auditor's report is available in the Town Clerks Office during regular office hours.

I would like to thank everyone at the Town Hall and all Department Heads for their assistance and cooperation over the past year. It's been a pleasure working with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN GOMEZ
Town Accountant

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
BALANCE SHEET FISCAL 2004

GENERAL FUND

CASH			$2,713,404.44
RECEIVABLES			
TAXES:	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2000	$ 7,044.49	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2001	$ 7,369.46	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2002	$ 21,379.19	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2003	$ 8,494.24	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2004	$ 20,965.28	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY PRIOR YEARS	$ 21,395.87	
	REAL ESTATE 2000	$ 2,364.07	
	REAL ESTATE 2001	$ 25,384.14	
	REAL ESTATE 2002	$136,810.26	
	REAL ESTATE 2003	$240,903.92	
	REAL ESTATE 2004	$766,401.50	
	REAL ESTATE PRIOR YEARS	$ 22,788.51	
		$1,281,300.93	
TAX LIENS			$ 957,653.79
UTILITY LIENS			$ 4,524.25
TAX FORECLOSURES			$ 16,116.96
EXCISES:	MOTOR VEHICLES 2000	$ 5,309.31	
	MOTOR VEHICLES 2001	$ 11,020.63	
	MOTOR VEHICLES 2002	$ 13,040.46	
	MOTOR VEHICLES 2003	$ 39,793.17	
	MOTOR VEHICLES 2004	$154,867.61	
	MOTOR VEHICLES PRIOR YEARS	$ 41,027.76	
	BOAT EXCISE 2001	$ 1,899.00	
	BOAT EXCISE 2002	$ 1,283.00	
	BOAT EXCISE 2003	$ 2,643.00	
	BOAT EXCISE PRIOR YEARS	$ 5,283.50	
		$ 276,167.44	
A/R DEPARTMENTAL			$ 32,503.79
TOTAL ASSETS			**$5,281,671.60**

LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		$ 313,470.31
ACCRUED PAYROLL		$ 299,562.61
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS:		
HEALTH/ LIFE INSURANCE		$ 53,426.86
DUE TO COMM OF MASS		$ 185,729.00
UNCLAIMED CHECKS/OVERPAYMENTS		$ 4,573.54
DEFERRED REVENUES:		
PROPERTY TAXES	$1,063,872.67	
TAX LIENS	$ 957,653.79	
TAX FORECLOSURES	$ 16,116.96	
UTILITY LIENS	$ 4,524.25	
MOTOR VEHICLES	$ 265,058.92	
BOAT EXCISE	$ 11,108.50	
		$2,318,335.09
PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS		$ 239,889.89
FUND BALANCES		
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES		$ 27,671.34
RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES		$ 153,000.00
RESERVED FOR FUTURE DEBT SERVICE		$ 85,048.00
RESERVED FOR CONTINUED APPROPRIATIONS		$ 421,323.22
RESERVED FOR ABATEMENT DEFICITS		$ (265.28)
UNRESERVED		$1,179,907.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES		**$5,281,671.60**

SCHOOL LUNCH FUND

ASSETS	
CASH	$ (2,938.24)
A/R COMM OF MASS	$ 2,938.24
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ -**
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	
UNRESERVED FUND	$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	$ -

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS	
CASH	$ (52,126.71)
A/R COMM OF MASS	$ 52,126.71
TOTAL ASSETS	$ -
LIABILITIES	
UNRESERVED FUND	$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	$ -

REVOLVING FUNDS

ASSETS	
CASH	$ 250,923.39
AMBULANCE RECEIVABLE	$ 273,464.72
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 524,388.11**
LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	$ 8,791.86
DEFERRED REVENUE AMBULANCE	$ 273,464.72
	$ 282,256.58
FUND BALANCES	
OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	$ 14,720.00
INSURANCE RECOVERY	$ 2,862.37
SHELLFISH FUND	$ 18,109.90
WETLANDS PROTECTION	$ 17,091.27
SALE OF COMPOST BINS	$ 283.11
AMBULANCE SERVICE	$ 189,064.88
	$ 242,131.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$ 524,388.11**

RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS	
CASH	$ 70,620.17
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 70,620.17**
FUND BALANCES	
INSURANCE RECOVERY> $20000	$ 1,064.50
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	$ 64,220.00
WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENTS	$ 5,335.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$ 70,620.17**

FEDERAL GRANTS

ASSETS	
CASH	$ 24,754.20
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 24,754.20**
FUND BALANCES	
POLICE COMPUTER	$ 96.72
SCHOOL CHAPTER I	$ 14,623.46
LSCA LIBRARY	$ 195.00
COPS	$ 600.00
SMALL CITIES	$ 9,239.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$24,754.20**

STATE GRANTS

ASSETS	
CASH	$ 266,668.77
DUE FROM COMM OF MASS	$ 7,365.00
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 274,033.77**

LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		$48,579.13
FUND BALANCES		
FOUR STROKE ENGINE GRANT	$	(4,050.00)
SPED PLACEMENT	$	7,365.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	$	2,200.00
BIKE PATH	$	54,086.10
SHELLFISH PROPAGATION	$	375.85
LIBRARY INCENTIVE	$	1,359.36
LIBRARY MUNICIPAL EQUALITY	$	1,815.86
STATE CENSUS	$	1,103.00
ELDERLY PROGRAMS	$	893.71
DRUG TASK FORCE	$	(6,794.50)
STATE BEACH	$	4,309.26
N/R OFFSET AWARD	$	(7,785.66)
PUMPOUT BOAT	$	2,159.35
EOCD SEPTIC REPAIR	$	78,884.13
COMMUNITY POLICING	$	6,046.74
ROPES COURSE	$	3,740.50
GHSB POLICE	$	(1,615.41)
SCHOOL CHOICE	$	81,361.35
	$	225,454.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES		**$274,033.77**

SPECIAL REVENUE

ASSETS		
CASH	$	79,573.71
TOTAL ASSETS	**$**	**79,573.71**
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	$	5,239.25
FUND BALANCES		
LAGOON POND WATER TESTING	$	1,700.00
HISTORICAL COMM DONATIONS	$	4,087.50
POLICE STAR TEAM DONATIONS	$	300.00
COA DONATIONS	$	1,973.26
TOWN REVITALIZATION	$	442.50
FARM NECK COA DONATIONS	$	1,035.38
PARK/ RECREATION DONATIONS	$	470.00
SHELLFISH DREDGING	$	500.00
OCEAN PARK	$	4,878.08
TOWN CLOCK FUND	$	2,879.55
LIBRARY DONATIONS	$	(1,982.79)
POLICE SSA DONATIONS	$	2,324.04
RESIDENT HOMESITE	$	37,295.80
WABAN PARK FUND	$	10,897.14
PUBLIC RESTROOMS	$	7,075.00
CONSERVATION FUND	$	459.00
LIABILITIES	$	74,334.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$**	**79,573.71**

BOND FUNDS

ASSETS	
CASH	$ (37,557.40)
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ (37,557.40)**
FUND BALANCES	
PRIMARY SCHOOL RENOVATION	$ 1,028.00
FIRE TRUCK/ BUILDING ADDITION	$ 524.71
PUBLIC WHARF PHASE III	$ 99,282.74
WASTEWATER PROJECT	$ 16,263.61
LANDFILL CAPPING	$ (157,018.00)
LIBRARY CAMPAIGN	$ 2,361.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$ (37,557.40)**

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
LIBRARY

ASSETS	
CASH	$4,184,686.43
TOTAL ASSETS	**$4,184,686.43**
LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	$ 159,089.37
FUND BALANCES	
UNRESERVED FUND	$4,025,597.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	$4,184,686.43

WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

ASSETS	
CASH	$ 427,147.14
USER FEES RECEIVABLE	$ 215,334.53
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RECEIVABLE	$ 58,537.10
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 701,018.77**
LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	$ 26,403.03
DEFERRED REVENUE USER FEES	$ 215,334.53
DEFERRED REVENUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	$ 58,537.10
FUND BALANCES	
RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES	$ 50,000.00
UNRESERVED FUND	$ 350,744.11
	$ 400,744.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$ 701,018.77**

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS	
CASH	$ 637,505.37
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 637,505.37**
LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	$ 2,136.95
FUND BALANCES	
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	$ 3,717.23

SELF INSURANCE FUND	$ 6,323.23
RESIDENT HOMESITE	$ 63,007.07
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 504,244.31
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	$ 8,056.14
A K BARBEY POOR	$ 38,888.01
R CLARKE POOR	$ 5,572.25
I NORTON POOR	$ 5,560.18
	$ 635,368.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$ 637,505.37**

NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS	
CASH	$ 15,933.84
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 15,933.84**
FUND BALANCES	
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	$ 8,933.84
A K BARBEY POOR	$ 5,000.00
R CLARKE NORTON POOR	$ 1,000.00
I NORTON POOR	$ 1,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$ 15,933.84**

AGENCY FUND

ASSETS	
CASH	$ (24,783.05)
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ (24,783.05)**
FUND BALANCES	
POLICE EXTRA DETAILS	$ (25,408.00)
FISH & GAME	$ (420.30)
FIREARMS PERMITS	$ 1,045.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$ (24,783.05)**

LONG TERM DEBT FUND

ASSETS	
AMOUNTS PROVIDED FOR BOND PAYMENTS	$27,668,868.08
TOTAL ASSETS	**$27,668,868.08**
LIABILITIES	
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOND	$ 7,040,000.00
WASTEWATER MWPAT	$15,215,568.08
10 YEAR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND	$ 1,913,300.00
LIBRARY BOND	$ 3,500,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	**$27,668,868.08**

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01 GENERAL FUND	**ACTUAL REVENUE**
01122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
01-122-4326 PHOTOCOPY FEE	239.19
01-122-4361 RENTAL/PARKING LOT	11651.00
01-122-4362 RENTAL TO STEAMSHIP AUTH.	6478.50
01-122-4418 ALCOHOL LICENSES	98391.00
01-122-4419 MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES	18810.00
01-122-4420 FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS	5012.50
01-122-4421 YARD SALE PERMITS	580.00
01-122-4432 COMM. SHELLFISH PERMIT	1376.25
01-122-4434 TAXICAB PERMITS	7860.00
01-122-4436 OTHER BUSINESS PERMITS	2060.00
01-122-4449 MOPED LICENSE FEES	5700.00
01-122-4800 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	28973.35
01-122-4844 PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMM.	119.60
01-122-4845 COUNTY PARKING REVENUE	42543.88
01-122-4846 SETTLEMENTS	720.00
01-122-4888 REFUNDS	28173.79
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**258689.06**
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
01-135-4326 PHOTOCOPY FEE	1.40
01-135-4800 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	159.54
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	**160.94**
01141 ASSESSORS	
01-141-4326 PHOTOCOPY FEE	761.90
01-141-4800 ASSESSORS DATA LIST	1020.00
TOTAL ASSESSORS	**1781.90**
01145 TOWN TREASURER	
01-145-4142 TAX LIENS REDEEMED	12692.67
01-145-4145 TAX FORECLOSURES	15000.00
01-145-4146 WATER TAX LIENS	462.00
01-145-4173 PENALTY/INT.-TAX LIENS	18573.17
01-145-4177 PENALTY/INT - WATER TAX LIENS	18.61
01-145-4180 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	3446.00

01-145-4333 LAND COURT FEES	59.25
01-145-4821 EARNINGS ON MONEY MARKET	37315.33
01-145-4888 MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	30.91
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER	**87597.94**

01146 TAX COLLECTOR

01-146-41100 PERSONAL PROPERTY-2000	3892.53
01-146-41101 PERSONAL PROPERTY-2001	7396.62
01-146-41102 PERSONAL PROPERTY-2002	2975.51
01-146-41103 PERSONAL PROPERTY-2003	9776.41
01-146-41104 PERSONAL PROPERTY-2004	187345.83
01-146-41195 PERSONAL PROPERTY-1995	75.40
01-146-41196 PERSONAL PROPERTY-1996	57.02
01-146-41197 PERSONAL PROPERTY-1997	126.10
01-146-41198 PERSONAL PROPERTY-1998	366.67
01-146-41199 PERSONAL PROPERTY-1999	636.16
01-146-41200 REAL ESTATE-2000	35746.55
01-146-41201 REAL ESTATE-2001	114251.60
01-146-41202 REAL ESTATE-2002	106001.59
01-146-41203 REAL ESTATE-2003	74328.23
01-146-41204 REAL ESTATE-2004	12857574.99
01-146-41293 REAL ESTATE-1993	5.00
01-146-41298 REAL ESTATE-1998	289.92
01-146-41299 REAL ESTATE-1999	614.90
01-146-4143 MUNICIPAL LIEN CERT	16450.00
01-146-41500 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2000	1408.26
01-146-41501 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2001	3942.21
01-146-41502 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2002	163724.03
01-146-41503 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2003	25033.58
01-146-41504 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2004	367578.94
01-146-41586 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1986	26.25
01-146-41587 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1987	29.06
01-146-41588 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1988	202.50
01-146-41589 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1989	151.28
01-146-41590 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1990	6.25
01-146-41591 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1991	20.00
01-146-41594 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1994	38.75
01-146-41595 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1995	23.75
01-146-41596 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1996	12.60
01-146-41597 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1997	213.75
01-146-41598 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1998	462.50
01-146-41599 MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1999	495.12
01-146-41601 BOAT EXCISE-2001	124.41
01-146-41602 BOAT EXCISE-2002	82.12
01-146-41603 BOAT EXCISE-2003	3311.37
01-146-4171 PENALTY/INT-PROPERTY TAX	174819.44
01-146-4172 PENALTY/INT-EXCISE TAXES	15105.97
01-146-4634 RMV-NON RENEWAL SURCHARGE	7360.00
01-146-4888 MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	130.32
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	**14582213.49**

01155 DATA PROCESSING

01-155-4800 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	600.00
TOTAL DATA PROCESSING	**600.00**

01161 TOWN CLERK

01-161-4270 VOTING & STREET LISTS	272.30
01-161-4271 LICENSE/PERMITS	1100.00
01-161-4279 TOWN CLERK MISC. RECEIPTS	8730.51
01-161-4441 DOG LICENSES	2874.00
01-161-4771 BOH FINES	350.00
01-161-4772 CIVIL MV INFRACTIONS	3765.00
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	**17091.81**

01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

01-171-4326 PHOTOCOPY FEE	3.00
01-171-4361 RENTALS OF SAILING CAMP	13,275.00
01-171-4362 RENTAL/DEPOSIT (SAILING)	(475.00)
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	**12,803.00**

01175 PLANNING BOARD

01-175-4334 FILING FEES	1720
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	**1720**

01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT

01-210-4325 POLICE DETAIL SERVICE CHG	4758.02
01-210-4442 LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS	175.00
01-210-4450 POLICE F.I.D. CARDS	924.75
01-210-4800 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3747.50
01-210-4845 COPIES OF POLICE REPORTS	512.93
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	**10118.20**

01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE

01-231-4273 AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES	1650.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	**1650.00**

01241 BUILDING INSPECTOR

01-241-4326 PHOTOCOPY FEE	114.85
01-241-4328 OIL BURNER	290.00
01-241-4329 GAS INSPECTOR FEE	1100.00
01-241-4330 WIRING INSPECTION FEE	5725.00
01-241-4331 PLUMBING INSPECTION FEE	4460.00
01-241-4334 FILING FEES	2475.00
01-241-4428 PLUMBING PERMIT	4950.00
01-241-4430 BUILDING PERMITS	82669.00
01-241-4431 WIRING PERMITS	12009.00
01-241-4438 SMOKE DETECTORS	4285.00
01-241-4443 OIL BURNER PERMITS	1130.00
01-241-4444 SIGN PERMITS	240.00
01-241-4445 GAS PERMITS	8601.00
01-241-4447 BUILDING INSP. MISC.	2524.00
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	**130572.85**

01296 MARINA MANAGER

01-296-4323 SLIP FEES	800309.91
01-296-4324 MOORING FEES	15675.00
TOTAL MARINA MANAGER	**815984.91**

01300 SCHOOL

01-300-4800 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	46846.83
TOTAL SCHOOL	**46846.83**

01421 HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION

01-421-4422 HOUSEHOLD TRASH STICKERS	180883.75
01-421-4700 LEASE OF STAGING AREA	1600.00
01-421-4800 MISC. GAS REVENUE	8102.39
01-421-4801 MISC REV TOKENS	4665.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION	**195251.14**

01519 BOARD OF HEALTH

01-519-4117 SEPTIC HAULERS' LICENSE	1000.00
01-519-4326 PHOTOCOPY FEE	60.40
01-519-4422 HOUSEHOLD STICKERS	3901.25
01-519-4424 REFUSE HAULERS LICENSE	1200.00
01-519-4425 SEPTIC INSTALLERS PERMIT	3000.00
01-519-4426 DESIGN APPLICATION	11500.00
01-519-4429 FOOD ESTABLISH PERMIT	20200.00

01-519-4437 PUMPOUT SEPTIC PERMITS	4720.00
01-519-4800 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	656.00
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	**46237.65**
01610 LIBRARY	
01-610-4770 LIBRARY FINES & FEES	6443.47
TOTAL LIBRARY	**6443.47**
01800 STATE AID	
01-800-4611 LOSS OF TAXES-STATE LAND	5675.00
01-800-4612 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	7530.00
01-800-4616 ABATE TO ELDERLY SPOUSES	8404.00
01-800-4625 CHARTER SCHOOL	33848.00
01-800-4630 CONST. OF SCHOOL PROJECTS	562245.00
01-800-4667 VETERAN'S BENEFITS	6805.50
01-800-4670 CHAPTER 70-SCHOOL AID	507397.00
01-800-4671 LOTTERY BEANO & CHARITY	62930.00
01-800-4690 STATE AID-HOTEL/ROOM TAX	195536.00
01-800-4691 CJTC ASSESS./POLICE ACAD.	1335.00
01-800-4695 COURT FINES	882.50
01-800-4772 CIVIL MV INFRACTIONS	57596.50
TOTAL STATE AID	**1450184.50**
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	**17665947.69**
60 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND	
60198 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND	
0-198-4175 PENALTY/INTEREST SPEC ASSESS	117041.76
60-198-4176 PENALTY/INTEREST W W USAGE	1731.40
60-198-4240 WASTEWATER USAGE FEES	16115.82
60-198-42403 WASTEWATER USER FEES 2003	42967.34
60-198-42404 WASTEWATER USER FEES 2004	383275.07
60-198-4241 WASTEWATER HOOK UP FEES	1454.46
60-198-4755 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REV	397390.22
60-198-4800 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	860.00
TOTAL WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND	**960836.07**
TOTAL WASTEWATER FUND REVENUES	**960836.07**
GRAND TOTAL	**18626783.76**

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ACCOUNTS FOR: 01 GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	AVAILABLE UNEXPENDED	PCT USED
01114 TOWN MODERATOR					
01-114-5110 ELECTED OFFICIALS	325	650	650.00	0	100 %
TOTAL TOWN MODERATOR	**325**	**650**	**650.00**	**0**	**100 %**
01122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN					
01-122-5110 ELECTED OFFICIALS	16500	16500	16500.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-122-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	67128	74856	74513.39	342.61	99.5 %
01-122-51102 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	80000	80000	80000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-122-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	300	300	0.00	300.00	0.0 %
01-122-5300 PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	105000	105000	90404.88	14595.12	86.1 %
01-122-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	10000	10000	4501.35	5498.65	45.0 %
01-122-5760 JUDGEMENTS	0	20335	20334.74	0.00	100.0 %
01-122-95301 STM 4/03 ART#3 D COUNTY HOUSE	0	8908	8908.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-122-95792 STM 1/99-ART#2-S.WOODS ST	0	20000	8661.00	11339.00	43.3 %
01-122-96007 PRIOR YEAR BILLS STM 12/03 #1	0	39993	39993.06	0.00	100.0 %
01-122-96051 STM 4/03 ART#7 CAPITAL IMPRVMNTS	0	15000	15000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-122-96076 PRIOR BILLS STM APR 04 ART#1	0	852	851.28	0.72	99.9 %
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**278928**	**391744**	**359667.70**	**32076.10**	**91.8 %**
01131 FINANCE COMMITTEE					
01-131-51105 CLERICAL SALARY	1680	2680	2241.08	438.92	83.6 %
01-131-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	0	130	130.00	0	100.0 %
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	**1680**	**2810**	**2371.08**	**438.92**	**84.4 %**
01132 FINANCE COMM.-RESERVE FD.					
01-132-5960 RESERVE FUND	45000	21377	0.00	21376.82	0.0 %
TOTAL FINANCE COMM.-RESERVE FD.	**45000**	**21377**	**0.00**	**21376.82**	**0.0 %**
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
01-135-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	65000	65000	65000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-135-5300 PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	18440	24951	24934.20	16.78	99.9 %
01-135-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	2500	2500	1701.39	798.61	68.1 %
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	**85940**	**92451**	**91635.59**	**815.39**	**99.1 %**

ACCOUNTS FOR: 01 GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	AVAILABLE UNEXPENDED	PCT USED
01141 ASSESSORS					
01-141-5110 ELECTED OFFICIALS	4800	4800	4799.88	0.12	100.0 %
01-141-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	88600	88600	88600.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-141-5300 PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	25000	32058	25209.16	6848.61	78.6 %
01-141-5380 CARTOGRAPHIC SERVICES	4000	4000	3375.00	625.00	84.4 %
01-141-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	5100	5100	1714.33	3385.67	33.6 %
01-141-96052 ART#7 STM 4/10/01 REEVALUATION	10000	10000	10000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-141-96077 TRIENNIAL REVAL STM APR 04 #2	0	50000	11731.23	38268.77	23.5 %
TOTAL ASSESSORS	**137500**	**194558**	**145429.60**	**49128.17**	**74.7 %**
01144 TREASURER(FIXED P/R COST)					
01-144-51900 FICA (MEDICARE)	66229	96229	95527.36	701.64	99.3 %
01-144-51901 FICA (SOCIAL SECURITY)	58545	3545	1637.63	1907.37	46.2 %
01-144-51911 PENSION FUND	380541	380541	380541.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-144-51913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	73654	28502	27077.23	1424.77	95.0 %
01-144-51916 MED. INS.-EMPLOYER CONT.	1299300	1299300	1238036.39	61263.61	95.3 %
01-144-5212 COMPUTER P/R SERV. CON.	22000	22000	10134.49	11865.51	46.1 %
TOTAL TREASURER(FIXED P/R COST)	**1900269**	**1830117**	**1752954.10**	**77162.90**	**95.8 %**
01145 TOWN TREASURER					
01-145-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	39090	39090	39090.00	0	100.0 %
01-145-52200 TAX TITLE EXPENSES	20000	21824	21823.55	0	100.0 %
01-145-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	500	500	373.75	126.25	74.8 %
01-145-5711 TRAINING & SEMINARS	2000	2000	863.61	1136.39	43.2 %
01-145-5714 Admin Fees - MWPAT	0	33176	23389.92	9786.53	70.5 %
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER	**61590**	**96590**	**85540.83**	**11049.17**	**88.6 %**
01146 TAX COLLECTOR					
01-146-5110 ELECTED OFFICIALS	54436	54436	53991.31	444.69	99.2 %
01-146-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	61776	61776	60962.13	813.87	98.7 %
01-146-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	500	500	0.00	500.00	0.0 %
01-146-51190 COLLECTOR OF ACCTS SALARY	3000	3000	1500.00	1500.00	50.0 %
01-146-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	17564	17564	17085.23	478.77	97.3 %
01-146-5725 TAX TITLE CHARGES	12500	7134	6436.04	698.22	90.2 %
01-146-95733 2002 TAX TITLE	0	2485	2484.78	0.00	100.0 %
01-146-95734 RECAP 2003 TAX TITLE	0	9000	9000.00	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	**149776**	**155895**	**151459.49**	**4435.55**	**97.2 %**

ACCOUNTS FOR: 01 GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	AVAILABLE UNEXPENDED	PCT USED
01155 DATA PROCESSING					
01-155-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	41553	48000	46760.10	1239.90	97.4 %
01-155-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	300	300	0.00	300.00	0.0 %
01-155-5320 COMPUTER TRAINING	10000	10000	3499.00	6501.00	35.0 %
01-155-5342 COMPUTER SUPPLIES/EXPENSE	13894	14098	13070.47	1027.91	92.7 %
01-155-5343 COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	43920	46689	43569.58	3119.87	93.3 %
01-155-5344 HARDWARE UPGRADE	25000	25000	24293.17	706.83	97.2 %
TOTAL DATA PROCESSING	**134667**	**144088**	**131192.32**	**12895.51**	**91.1 %**
01161 TOWN CLERK					
01-161-04898 ATM 04/03 ART #23 ACCU-VOTE	0	2395	2395.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-161-5110 ELECTED OFFICIALS	50908	50908	50907.48	0.52	100.0 %
01-161-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	35417	35417	34572.16	844.84	97.6 %
01-161-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	1100	603	300.00	302.83	49.8 %
01-161-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1830	2327	2327.17	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	**89255**	**91650**	**90501.81**	**1148.19**	**98.7 %**
01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS					
01-163-5110 ELECTED OFFICIALS	2000	2000	1500.00	500.00	75.0 %
01-163-51100 CONSTABLES	1000	1000	750.00	250.00	75.0 %
01-163-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	9000	9000	8420.06	579.94	93.6 %
01-163-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1790	4090	3942.37	147.63	96.4 %
TOTAL BOARD OF REGISTRARS	**13790**	**16090**	**14612.43**	**1477.57**	**90.8 %**
01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
01-171-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	39674	39674	39673.92	0.08	100.0 %
01-171-51171 CARETAKER'S SALARY	8386	10408	9653.14	754.86	92.7 %
01-171-5300 PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	1500	1500	1387.00	113.00	92.5 %
01-171-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1200	1179	979.35	199.99	83.0 %
01-171-5702 MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	5550	5550	5512.30	37.70	99.3 %
01-171-5710 TRAVEL EXPENSES	200	221	220.66	0.00	100.0 %
01-171-5711 TRAINING & SEMINARS	500	500	255.70	244.30	51.1 %
01-171-5730 MEMBERSHIPS	150	150	150.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-171-96059 E. CHOP ART#7 STM 6/01	0	3000	0.00	3000.00	0.0 %
01-171-96072 CAPITAL PROJ. STM 6/18/02 #4	0	7388	816.98	6571.02	11.1 %
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	**57160**	**69570**	**58649.05**	**10920.95**	**84.3 %**

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01175 PLANNING BOARD					
01-175-51105 CLERICAL SALARY	3835	3835	1144.61	2690.39	29.8 %
01-175-5210 CONSULTING ENGINEERING	2600	2232	1060.46	1171.94	47.5 %
01-175-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	725	1093	1092.60	0	100.0 %
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	**7160**	**7160**	**3297.67**	**3862.33**	**46.1 %**
01199 UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)					
01-199-040303 ART#3 STM 12/03 SALARY INCREASE	0	35850	31133.59	4716.41	86.8 %
01-199-040503 ART#5 STM 12/03 SEWER TOWN	0	45000	0.00	45000.00	0.0 %
01-199-040703 ART#7 STM 12/03 SCHEMATIC DESGN	0	60000	304.89	59695.11	0.5 %
01-199-51914 INSURANCE EXPENSE	293044	319044	319044.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-199-52000 STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	78750	78750	48889.61	29860.39	62.1 %
01-199-52019 TOWN REPORT	6500	6500	6500.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-199-52100 SELF INSURANCE TRUST FND.	10000	10000	10000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-199-5211 TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES	57750	66798	66797.91	0.00	100.0 %
01-199-5270 COPY MACHINE SUPPLIES	15000	15000	1834.79	13165.21	12.2 %
01-199-5273 LEASE LAND FOR DRAINAGE	1250	1250	1250.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-199-5301 ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL	18500	18500	16130.09	2369.91	87.2 %
01-199-5302 ANNUAL AUDIT	32000	32000	25000.00	7000.00	78.1 %
01-199-5340 TELEPHONE EXPENSE	35000	36025	36025.17	0.00	100.0 %
01-199-5341 ADVERTISING	6000	6000	3384.04	2615.96	56.4 %
01-199-5344 POSTAGE	20000	20000	19127.37	872.63	95.6 %
01-199-5420 OFFICE SUPPLIES	45000	34927	20331.53	14595.39	58.2 %
01-199-56901 MV COMMISSION ASSESSMENT	91930	91930	91417.00	513.00	99.4 %
01-199-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	15000	15000	14293.99	706.01	95.3 %
01-199-96018 ART#17 06/22/00 VIERA PK	0	8518	0.00	8518.00	0.0 %
01-199-96029 ART#7 6/00 EASEMENT	0	1000	0.00	1000.00	0.0 %
01-199-96058 DEP ESCROW ART#2 STM 6/01	0	100000	0.00	100000.00	0.0 %
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)	**725724**	**1002092**	**711463.98**	**290628.02**	**71.0 %**
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT					
01-210-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	27518	27518	26338.14	1179.86	95.7 %
01-210-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	6600	2800	2800.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-51210 POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY	72100	72100	72100.08	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-51211 LIEUTENANT SALARY	65956	23956	22577.52	1378.48	94.2 %
01-210-51212 PATROLMEN SALARIES	413335	404400	396152.26	8248.12	98.0 %
01-210-51213 SUMMER, TEMP. & SPEC POLICE	149601	179499	179499.25	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-51214 PATROL SERGEANT	109096	109096	106288.80	2807.20	97.4 %
01-210-51215 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	37846	37846	36853.95	992.05	97.4 %
01-210-51217 QUINN BILL ENCUMBRANCE	48939	48939	47822.86	1116.14	97.7 %
01-210-51292 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SALARY	28500	28500	27833.53	666.47	97.7 %
01-210-51293 ASST ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	7592	3492	2491.16	1000.84	71.3 %
01-210-51294 ANIMAL CONTROL OTHER CHARGES	4000	1809	1809.06	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-51295 A/C INOCULATION	600	0	0.00	0.00	0.0 %
01-210-5186 DETECTIVE SALARY	54015	54015	52335.36	1679.64	96.9 %

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01-210-5190 ADDITIONAL SALARY EXPENSE	131000	159936	159936.29	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-5306 DELTA DENTAL	3336	2937	2937.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-5307 LEGAL PROTECTION	1750	1650	1650.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-5308 TRAFFIC VIOLATION COLLECTION	1000	625	625.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-5580 UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	41404	43453	43446.17	6.94	100.0 %
01-210-5709 WASTEWATER FEES	400	400	400.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-210-5711 TRAINING & SEMINARS	15000	16616	16615.83	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	**1219588**	**1219588**	**1200512.26**	**19075.74**	**98.4 %**
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT					
01-220-51101 SALARIES	89700	95543	95542.51	0.00	100.0 %
01-220-51102 NON RELATED INCIDENTS	5000	2657	2630.00	27.49	99.0 %
01-220-5243 BUILDING REPAIRS	4000	4000	3997.15	2.85	99.9 %
01-220-5588 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	1000	0	0.00	0.00	0.0 %
01-220-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	43563	41063	41063.00	0.00	**100.0 %**
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	**143263**	**143263**	**143232.66**	**30.34**	**100.0 %**
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE					
01-231-51101 SALARIES	94682	94682	87318.80	7363.20	92.2 %
01-231-51232 EMT SALARIES	800	800	0.00	800.00	0.0 %
01-231-51400 SHIFT PAY	53430	53430	49930.00	3500.00	93.4 %
01-231-51410 RUN PAY	1128	1128	0.00	1128.00	0.0 %
01-231-5150 IMMUNIZATION OF EMTS	1000	1000	842.46	157.54	84.2 %
01-231-5190 TRAINING & TUITION	10000	7500	7500.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-231-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	17000	19500	19495.11	4.89	100.0 %
01-231-5701 OFF ISLAND TRANSPORTS	4000	4000	3650.00	350.00	91.3 %
01-231-96008 ART. #16 4/11 AMBULANCE	0	113975	25192.00	88783.00	22.1 %
TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	**182040**	**296015**	**193928.37**	**102086.63**	**65.5 %**
01241 BUILDING INSPECTOR					
01-241-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	88196	88980	88980.18	0.00	100.0 %
01-241-51104 ADMIN. CLERK'S SALARY	13175	12074	6340.93	5733.21	52.5 %
01-241-51105 CLERICAL SALARY	0	77	76.68	0.00	100.0 %
01-241-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	300	300	150.00	150.00	50.0 %
01-241-51241 ASST. WIRING INSPECTOR	0	240	240.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-241-51242 SEPARATE INSPECTORS	800	800	800.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-241-5300 PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	20000	20393	20392.79	0.00	100.0 %
01-241-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	260	961	961.31	0.00	100.0 %
01-241-5730 MEMBERSHIPS	125	125	125.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-241-5780 INSTRUCTIONAL & CONF.	1700	606	605.90	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	**124556**	**124556**	**118672.79**	**5883.21**	**95.3 %**

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01249 SHELLFISH					
01-249-51101 CONSTABLE SALARY/SALARIES	81047	81047	75264.68	5782.32	92.9 %
01-249-5130 HOLIDAY, OVERTIME PAY	2783	2783	1943.34	839.66	69.8 %
01-249-52249 TWN SH-MARINE BIOLOGIST	23000	23000	23000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-249-53400 FRGHT, ADV, PSTG & RINGS	195	195	195.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-249-5420 SUPPLIES	2050	2218	2218.06	0.00	100.0 %
01-249-5713 TRAVEL CONF. & DUES	1000	832	831.94	0.00	100.0 %
01-249-5881 EQUIPMENT	1050	1050	1050.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-249-96054 ART#13 STM 4/01 CAPITAL IMPRVMNTS	0	1136	499.99	636.11	44.0 %
01-249-96057 POLLUTION ART#13 ATM 4/01	0	73100	0.00	73100.00	0.0 %
01-249-96081 ESTUARIES PROJ STM APR04 ART#	0	20000	0.00	20000.00	0.0 %
TOTAL SHELLFISH	**111125**	**205361**	**105003.01**	**100358.09**	**51.1 %**
01291 CIVIL DEFENSE					
01-291-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	2000	2000	1821.50	178.50	91.1 %
TOTAL CIVIL DEFENSE	**2000**	**2000**	**1821.50**	**178.50**	**91.1 %**
01295 HARBOR MASTER					
01-295-96009 HAR DREDGE ART #18 4/11	0	60898	25451.70	35446.38	41.8 %
01-295-96072 CAPITAL PROJ. STM 6/18/02 #4	0	7750	0.00	7750.0	0 %
TOTAL HARBOR MASTER	**0**	**68648**	**25451.70**	**43196.38**	**37.1 %**
01296 MARINA MANAGER					
01-296-04013 ATM 04/03 ART#4 HARBOR REST.	0	38000	38000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-296-51101 SALARIES	165532	165532	133118.93	32413.07	80.4 %
01-296-5240 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	26000	26000	25994.69	5.31	100.0 %
01-296-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	20000	20000	20000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-296-95898 4/96 ATM ART 21-DREDGE	0	986	379.81	606.54	38.5 %
01-296-96054 ART#13 STM 4/01 CAPITAL IMPRVMNTS	0	14357	13915.77	440.82	96.9 %
01-296-96072 CAPITAL PROJ. STM 6/18/02 #4	0	18143	15960.32	2183.05	88.0 %
01-296-96073 CAP PROJ DREDGE STM 6/18/02 #	0	10000	0.00	10000.00	0.0 %
01-296-96078 MOORING REPLCMNT STM APR04 #3	0	20000	20000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-296-96083 STM DEC 2003 ART#2	0	25312	25312.00	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL MARINA MANAGER	**211532**	**338330**	**292681.52**	**45648.79**	**86.5 %**

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01300 SCHOOL					
01-300-5000 RESERVE	74084	74084	84875.31	-10791.31	114.6 %
01-300-5100 ADMINISTRATION	138244	138244	155955.76	-17711.76	112.8 %
01-300-5200 INSTRUCTIONAL	3872328	3872328	3817321.85	55006.15	98.6 %
01-300-5400 SERVICE	157470	157470	158640.19	-1170.19	100.7 %
01-300-5700 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	373650	373650	364791.10	8858.90	97.6 %
01-300-96063 ATM SPED ART#7 FY2004 4/8/03	0	54000	54000.00	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL SCHOOL	**4615776**	**4669776**	**4635584.21**	**34191.79**	**99.3 %**
01301 MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG HS					
01-301-5690 MVRHS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	2279745	2279745	2279745.00	0	100.0 %
01-301-5800 MVRHS CAPITAL OUTLAY	186531	186531	186531.00	0	100.0 %
TOTAL MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG HS	**2466276**	**2466276**	**2466276.00**	**0**	**100.0 %**
01421 HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION					
01-421-040903 CPI ART#9 STM 12/03 TRUCK/SA	0	30000	25000.00	5000.00	83.3 %
01-421-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	139627	141276	141275.43	0.57	100.0 %
01-421-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	3700	3700	2900.00	800.00	78.4 %
01-421-51193 PUBLIC BLDG MAINT	35000	52252	52252.19	0.01	100.0 %
01-421-5130 OTHER WAGES	86322	90176	89905.32	270.68	99.7 %
01-421-5131 SNOW & ICE OVERTIME	35425	35425	33673.23	1751.77	95.1 %
01-421-51422 LABORER/MECHANIC SALARIES	344063	303560	266494.20	37065.80	87.8 %
01-421-5240 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	17000	17000	16983.95	16.05	99.9 %
01-421-5241 TIPPING FEES	213180	158160	157170.26	990.12	99.4 %
01-421-5245 RECYCLING MATERIAL DISP.	21000	22941	22940.46	0.54	100.0 %
01-421-5291 SNOW REMOVAL	8000	17084	17083.97	0.03	100.0 %
01-421-5292 COLLECTION OF OFFAL	4500	4500	4441.97	58.03	98.7 %
01-421-5293 MAINT FARM POND CULVERT	2000	0	0.00	0.00	0.0 %
01-421-5294 SWEEPER LEASE	18740	18740	18740.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-421-5295 RUBBISH TRUCK LEASE	20000	20000	20000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-421-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	145000	228079	228078.67	0.00	100.0 %
01-421-5709 WASTEWATER FEES	30888	13636	13328.00	307.80	97.7 %
01-421-58422 RESURFACING CONCRETE RDS.	250000	250116	250000.00	116.25	100.0 %
01-421-96076 PRIOR BILLS STM APR 04 ART#1	0	8930	8930.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-421-96080 OAK GROVE CEMT STM APR04 ART#	0	30000	0.00	30000.00	0.0 %
01-421-96082 DOWNTOWN REV PROJ STM APR04 #	0	30000	30000.00	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION	**1374445**	**1475575**	**1399197.65**	**76377.65**	**94.8 %**

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01491 CEMETERY					
01-491-5110 COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES	550	550	550.00	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL CEMETERY	**550**	**550**	**550.00**	**0.00**	**100.0 %**
01519 BOARD OF HEALTH					
01-519-5110 BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	8000	8000	7333.25	666.75	91.7 %
01-519-51105 CLERICAL SALARY	28321	28321	28130.35	190.65	99.3 %
01-519-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	300	300	300.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-519-5120 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT	5538	5538	3624.37	1913.63	65.4 %
01-519-51520 HEALTH AGENTS SALARY	43554	43554	43553.90	0.10	100.0 %
01-519-5246 HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL	13020	14318	14317.90	0.10	100.0 %
01-519-5301 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERV.	16425	16425	11168.89	5256.11	68.0 %
01-519-5303 ADVERTISING/POSTAGE	800	800	189.40	610.60	23.7 %
01-519-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	7220	5382	2583.84	2798.17	48.0 %
01-519-5701 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	160	160	79.99	80.01	50.0 %
01-519-5715 CELLPHONE/PAGERS CHARGES	540	1080	779.19	300.80	72.1 %
01-519-5717 SCHOOL SEMINARS & TRAINING	300	300	122.00	178.00	40.7 %
01-519-5730 DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	105	105	90.00	15.00	85.7 %
01-519-96064 ATM VOC ART#6 FY2004 (4/8/03)	0	99000	50209.04	48790.96	50.7 %
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	**124283**	**223283**	**162482.12**	**60800.88**	**72.8 %**
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING					
01-541-51101 SALARIES	77699	77699	68326.58	9372.42	87.9 %
01-541-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	300	300	171.00	129.00	57.0 %
01-541-5350 OLDER AMER. ACTS (ICOA)	10166	10166	10165.05	0.95	100.0 %
01-541-5351 SOCIAL DAY CARE (ICOA)	5295	5295	5292.69	2.31	100.0 %
01-541-5352 OFFICE EXPENSE (ICOA)	13405	13405	13400.16	4.84	100.0 %
01-541-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	7500	7741	6892.06	848.79	89.0 %
01-541-96072 CAPITAL PROJ. STM 6/18/02 #4	0	16000	16000.00	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	**114365**	**130606**	**120247.54**	**10358.31**	**92.1 %**
01543 VETERANS' SERVICES					
01-543-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	400	663	650.41	12.34	98.1 %
01-543-5770 BENEFIT PAYMENTS	7500	19988	19988.44	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES	**7900**	**20651**	**20638.85**	**12.34**	**99.9 %**

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01610 LIBRARY					
01-610-51101 SALARIES	136682	143004	143004.06	0.00	100.0 %
01-610-51140 LONGEVITY PAY	586	250	250.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-610-5240 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1947	1854	1854.30	0.00	100.0 %
01-610-5511 BOOKS & PERIODICALS	48054	44011	44010.88	0.00	100.0 %
01-610-5582 SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	5716	5454	5453.78	0.00	100.0 %
01-610-5709 WASTEWATER FEES	748	400	400.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-610-5799 COMPUTER AUTOMATION	15480	14240	14239.98	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL LIBRARY	**209213**	**209213**	**209213.00**	**0.00**	**100.0 %**
01612 ARTS COUNCIL					
01-612-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	300	300	0	300.00	0.0 %
TOTAL ARTS COUNCIL	**300**	**300**	**0**	**300.00**	**0.0 %**
01630 RECREATION					
01-630-040803 ART#8 STM 12/03 PLAYGROUND	0	25000	0.00	25000.00	0.0 %
01-630-51101 SALARIES	37334	37334	33470.62	3863.38	89.7 %
01-630-51105 CLERICAL SALARY	72419	72419	56579.41	15839.59	78.1 %
01-630-5401 TOWN BEACH EXPENSES	700	551	513.84	37.37	93.2 %
01-630-5463 MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT	1300	1183	1182.70	0.00	100.0 %
01-630-5464 FERT., SHRUBS & TREES	5000	5000	5000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-630-5488 BAND CONCERTS	3000	3000	3000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-630-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	16500	16766	16766.09	0.00	100.0 %
01-630-95020 ATM 4/13/96-ART#36-ELECTRIC	0	1039	1039.11	0.00	100.0 %
01-630-96079 OCEAN PK WELL STM APR04 ART#4	0	10000	0.00	10000.00	0.0 %
TOTAL RECREATION	**136253**	**172292**	**117551.77**	**54740.34**	**68.2 %**
01710 MATURING DEBT-PRINCIPAL					
01-710-5927 CONST. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	750000	750000	750000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-710-5929 RECONST PUB WHARF PH III	100000	100000	100000.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-710-5933 TRANSFER STATION DEBT	22500	22500	22500.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-710-5934 LANDFILL CAPPING PRINCIPAL	88613	88613	88612.98	0.02	100.0 %
TOTAL MATURING DEBT-PRINCIPAL	**961113**	**961113**	**961112.98**	**0.02**	**100.0 %**
01720 MATURING BAN-PRINCIPAL					
01-720-5932 WASTEWATER	479620	615654	615654.17	0.00	100.0 %
TOTAL MATURING BAN-PRINCIPAL	**479620**	**615654**	**615654.17**	**0.00**	**100.0 %**

ACCOUNTS FOR: 01 GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	AVAILABLE UNEXPENDED	PCT USED
01750 MATURING DEBT-INTEREST					
01-750-5912 4 YR-LIBRARY LOAN NOTES	85500	85500	0.00	85500.00	0.0 %
01-750-5927 CONST. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	297810	297810	297810.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-750-5929 RECONST PUB WHARF PH III	4150	4150	4150.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-750-5933 TRANSFER STATION DEBT	529	529	528.75	0.25	100.0 %
TOTAL MATURING DEBT-INTEREST	**387989**	**387989**	**302488.75**	**85500.25**	**78.0 %**
01751 INT. ON TEMPORARY DEBT					
01-751-5926 INTEREST ON TANS	5000	5222	5222.05	0.00	100.0 %
01-751-5932 WASTEWATER	209004	260206	260205.25	0.75	100.0 %
01-751-5934 LANDFILL CAPPING INTEREST	21080	21080	21079.34	0.66	100.0 %
TOTAL INT. ON TEMPORARY DEBT	**235084**	**286508**	**286506.64**	**1.41**	**100.0 %**
01760 BOND ISSUANCE COSTS					
01-760-5998 BOND ISSUANCE COSTS	50000	50000	31254.03	18745.97	62.5 %
01-760-5999 BOND REGISTER & TRANSFER	600	378	300.00	77.78	79.4 %
TOTAL BOND ISSUANCE COSTS	**50600**	**50378**	**31554.03**	**18823.75**	**62.6 %**
01840 STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS					
01-840-5621 COUNTY/STATE ASSESSMENTS	0	106330	106329.77	0.23	100.0 %
01-840-5640 AIR POLLUTION ASSESS.	0	2545	2545.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-840-5647 NON-RENEWAL EXCISE TAX	0	8940	8260.00	680.00	92.4 %
01-840-5663 REG. TRANSIT AUTHORITY	0	65139	65139.00	0.00	100.0 %
01-840-5665 CTR SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	319000	268233	325298.00	-57065.00	121.3 %
01-840-5666 SCHOOL CHOICE ASSESSMENT	0	143765	147384.00	-3619.00	102.5 %
TOTAL STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	**319000**	**594952**	**654955.77**	**-60003.77**	**110.1 %**
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**17165635**	**18779719**	**17664742.94**	**1114976.24**	**94.1 %**

ACCOUNTS FOR: 60 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	AVAILABLE UNEXPENDED	PCT USED
60 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND					
60-198-51101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	189782	189782	181590.44	8191.56	95.7 %
60-198-51108 OVERTIME	10000	10000	9073.52	926.48	90.7 %
60-198-51914 INSURANCE EXPENSE	2000	52034	45650.04	6383.96	87.7 %
60-198-5211 TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES	2000	10000	4258.97	5741.03	42.6 %
60-198-5215 UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	60000	26966	21587.61	5378.39	80.1 %
60-198-5300 PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	14000	14000	12541.53	1458.47	89.6 %
60-198-5340 TELEPHONE EXPENSE	14500	17000	16791.44	208.56	98.8 %
60-198-5400 SUPPLIES	5000	5000	2947.93	2052.07	59.0 %
60-198-5402 CHEMICAL SUPPLIES	26000	23500	20701.26	2798.74	88.1 %
60-198-5420 OFFICE SUPPLIES	1200	1200	1087.84	112.16	90.7 %
60-198-5700 OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	20000	20000	17774.42	2225.58	88.9 %
60-198-5702 MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	5000	15000	11650.64	3349.36	77.7 %
60-198-5704 SLUDGE DISPOSAL	100000	64500	53070.00	11430.00	82.3 %
60-198-5705 NEW EQUIPMENT	14000	14000	9238.63	4761.37	66.0 %
60-198-5706 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	14000	14000	13907.87	92.13	99.3 %
60-198-5707 EQUIPMENT RENTAL	2500	2500	0.00	2500.00	0.0 %
60-198-5710 TRAVEL EXPENSES	2500	2500	1934.22	565.78	77.4 %
60-198-5711 TRAINING & SEMINARS	1000	1500	1489.79	10.21	99.3 %
60-198-5730 MEMBERSHIPS	200	200	0.00	200.00	0.0 %
60-198-5750 CONTINGENCY	20000	20000	18885.00	1115.00	94.4 %
TOTAL WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENSES	**503682**	**503682**	**444181.15**	**59500.85**	**88.2 %**
GRAND TOTAL	**17669317**	**19283401**	**18108924.09**	**1174477.09**	**93.9 %**

TOWN TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Hereby submitted is the Town Treasurer's reconciliation of cash for the year ending June 30, 2004:

INTEREST ACCOUNTS:		TRUST ACCOUNTS:	
Compass Bank	$5,242,113.95	Compass Barbey Poor	43,888.01
Bank North	37,683.73	Compass Clark Poor	6,572.25
Boston Safe	1,335,195.55	Compass Norton Poor	6,560.18
Century Bank - Lockbox	1,008,656.88	Compass Stabilization	402,225.67
Citizens MMKT	23,481.29	Compass Municipal Building	8,056.14
Edgartown National	7,596.75	Resident Homesite	100,302.87
Rockland Trust (New Account)	1.00	Cemetery	21,421.60
UniBank for Savings	69,188.28		
Compass Ambulance	240,867.91		

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS: $8,553,812.06

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL M. MANZI
Finance Director

TAX COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Tax Collector.

First, I wish to thank all Town Hall associates who have been helpful in my orientation to the office and have made me feel welcome. A special thank you to Deb Willoughby for giving me the guidance and resources I need for the day to day operation of our complete system.

Thank you to my assistants Sharon Jackson and Jennifer Caton for all their hard work keeping the office running smoothly through the transition and for making every day at work a pleasant place to be.

All refunds, abatements, municipal liens and collections are up to date. Citizens now have a choice to pay their tax bills online by an electronic transfer or with a credit card.

I feel confident that we have a good financial team and we are working toward the same goals and objectives for the town and its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

CHERYLL A. SASHIN

YEAR COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL PROPERTY	Motor Vehicle	Boat	Wastewater Usage	Wastewater Betterment
2000	$55,639.57	$4,460.80	$1,408.26	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2001	$126,893.61	$7,634.82	$3,993.09	$202.00	$0.00	$0.00
2002	$127,149.13	$6,550.50	$12,582.22	$148.00	$10,085.82	$8,522.39
2003	$516,929.82	$10,180.55	$180,688.07	$6,622.00	$23,290.07	$25,25.41
2004	$13,844,031.51	$188,339.73	$372,734.57	$5,641.66	$342,015.07	$317,638.42
TOTAL	**$14,670,643.64**	**$217,166.40**	**$14,887,810.04**	**$12,613.66**	**$375,390.96**	**$351,406.22**

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Oak Bluffs
and the Board of Selectmen;

The Oak Bluffs Finance and Advisory Committee is a group of nine elected volunteers who serve as advocates for the taxpayers. We represent the taxpayers' interests and provide oversight for town finances by recommending the annual budget, examining financial areas that we think merit special attention, and advising town officials about financial matters.

We are pleased that fiscal year 2005 (covering July 2004 through June 2005) had another balanced budget that did not require override votes for the second year in a row. Preparing this balanced budget took significant collaboration by all the town's department heads and we thank them on behalf of all Oak Bluffs citizens.

We are especially pleased that the Oak Bluffs voters supported a recent special town meeting Article to sweep $500,000 of the FY2004 free cash into the Stabilization Fund. In addition to serving as a "savings account" for important spending that cannot be funded from current revenue, the balance of the Stabilization Fund influences the Town's bond rating and the rate of interest the Town is charged for borrowing. A larger Stabilization Fund means better interest rates.

Every year the Finance and Advisory Committee deals with the need to balance town spending with town revenue. Ideally, the annual increase in town spending would stay within the annual inflation rate; but over the last ten years Oak Bluffs has been increasing its spending faster than the rate of inflation. Some of the increases over inflation can be attributed to new services; but the rest cannot. The accompanying chart presents the Town's spending trends over the past ten years.

All of our town's employees and elected and appointed officials work hard to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to them. We thank them for their integrity, experience, and dedication.

We are all stakeholders in Oak Bluffs' future. Our town's financial health will become more robust as voters and taxpayers get more knowledgeable about town finances. The Finance Committee urges all citizens to attend town meetings and to let their elected officials know their opinions about town spending.

Look for Finance and Advisory Committee recommendations at the annual town meeting in April. Thanks for your interest.

MIMI DAVISSON, Chairman
FRANK CASE, Vice Chairman
JOE ALOSSO
GEORGE DAVIS
THAD HARSHBARGER
JOHN LOLLEY
BILL MCGRATH
NICK TRENTACOST
ADAM WILSON

Oak Bluffs Spending Trends

	FY 2005 Budget	% Change Over 3 Years (since FY2002)	% Change Over 5 Years (since FY 2000)	% Change Over 10 Years (since FY1995)
If Oak Bluffs had kept its spending within the rate of inflation, current spending would be:	$15,592.076	19.2%	39.0%	71.0%
Oak Bluffs actual spending is:	$19,238,708	25.5%	46.3%	109.5%
Oak Bluffs' spending has grown faster than the rate of inflation by these amounts	$3,646,632	6.3%	7.3%	38.5%
Education (Grade School, High School, Charter School, School Choice	$7,966,198	26.4%	47.8%	142.2%
Debt Service	$2,387,878	15.1%	39.5%	82.5%
Employee Benefits	$2,119,881	37.9%	75.3%	115.9%
General Government	$2,046,225	27.7%	42.0%	63.9%
Public Health & Safety (Ambulance, Police, Fire, Civil Defense, Board of Health)***	$1,739,329	9.4%	6.0%	57.8%
Public Works (Highways, Cemetery)	$1,429,790	65.8%	62.1%	110.9%
Wastewater	$503,682	Full 3-year not available	N/A	N/A
Culture & Recreation (Library, Parks, Arts Council)	$375,665	15.9%	19.7%	87.9%
Waterways (Harbor, Marina, Shellfish)	$354,023	6.9%	21.2%	101.3%
Assessments	$186,629	4.3%	45.0%	67.3%
Senior Services (Council on Aging, Veterans' Services)	$129,408	8.1%	2.5%	43.3%

*** Public Health & Safety spending has been kept within the rate of inflation by the Ambulance Fund which has paid for many public safety vehicles. Without the Ambulance Fund, these vehicles would have been paid by the operating budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens and Businesses of Oak Bluffs:

It is with pleasure to provide you with the 2004 *Annual Report* for the Department.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to promote Sergeant Timothy Williamson to the rank of *lieutenant* in February. As second in charge of the Department, Lieutenant Williamson is responsible for the personnel of the Department to assure proper performance of duties and adherence to rules and regulations and general orders. As the head the Oak Bluffs Narcotic Enforcement Team, he is also a proactive member of the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force.

Lieutenant Williamson has also been named the Department's Accreditation/Certification Manager, a role that will assist the Department in obtaining the full status of Accreditation through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission by January 2006. The Department will be coming up on its third year of holding the status of state Certification.

Officer George Fisher was also promoted to the rank of *sergeant* in February. Also known as the Marine Security Coordinator, Sergeant Fisher is in charge of all port securities initiatives, including response to nationally raised MARSEC levels and routine security operation for all maritime vessels.

The Department was pleased to announce the appointments of Officers Carrie Giacomini, Kristine Cammorata, and Nicholas Peterson after graduating from the Weymouth Basic Police Recruit Academy in March.

Officer Nicholas Curelli was promoted to the rank of *detective* in November. He began his career with the Department in 1999 and is currently assigned to the Oak Bluffs Narcotics Enforcement Team and the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force. This promotion served to fill a critical vacancy left by Detective Robert Branca who recently resigned to attend the Massachusetts State Police Academy.

A new fleet of police cruisers was added to the Department this spring. I want to thank Oak Bluffs Fire Chief Dennis Alley for his continued support of purchasing public safety vehicles from the Ambulance Revolving Fund. As a result, the old Chief's unmarked Ford Explorer and the two unmarked Ford Crown Victoria sedans are now in operation by other Town employees. Townspeople have complimented the new graphics on the cruisers.

Recognition

Officers Kristine Cammorata, David Berube, Stephen Gwozdz, and Special Officer Brian Kenney were recognized this summer for their outstanding performances in pulling an intoxicated man who was bleeding and threatening suicide out of Lagoon Pond. With their exceptional efforts and assistance from Oak Bluffs Fire Department Dive Team, the aggressive and assaultive victim was found 300 feet from shore and rescued. Each of the officers received a medal of commendation in recognition of their valiant role in this extraordinary water rescue.

Sergeant George Fisher was also recognized for his bravery in a water rescue of a suicidal woman off of East Chop. As reported by a boater, the harbormaster and Sergeant Fisher located the woman swimming almost a quarter mile off the shoreline distressed, suicidal, and unresponsive to any assistance. Sergeant Fisher entered the water and saved her life after successfully getting her into the boat.

Summer Special Officers Paulo Cruz and Stephan McKay were also credited with saving a man's life after pulling him from his car minutes before it was engulfed in flames this summer. The officers were nearing the end of their shift in the patrol car when they noticed a faint glow in the woods of the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road. Thinking it was a bonfire, officers sped up and found a crashed car with flames coming out of the engine. Inside, the driver, a twenty-four-year-old man, was badly injured with both legs broken, as well as sustained head and elbow injuries.

As the fire inched toward the driver, they pulled him out of the car before the flames reached him. In less than a minute later, the car was completely engulfed into flames. The victim was stabilized and transported to Martha's Vineyard Hospital, where a Coast Guard helicopter airlifted him to Rhode Island Hospital. Hospital personnel said the victim's injuries would have made it impossible for him to remove himself from the burning car.

Not only were Special Officers Cruz and McKay awarded a Department Medal of Commendation, but each

received a Citation from Governor Mitt Romney and Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healy recognizing them for their bravery and heroic efforts in saving a man's life. The Southeastern Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association also recognized their selfless bravery at a monthly meeting.

During the early hours of a late August morning, Oak Bluffs Police, Fire, and EMS responded to a reported gunshot on Leslie's Lane. When police arrived, a thirty-eight-year-old man was found dead in the front yard. Off-duty Special Officers Mark Connolly Jr., Jamie Benker, Chad Cerce, and Stephan McKay were at their rental home with Special Officer Jeffrey Trudel across the street from the crime scene when they heard a gunshot and called 9-1-1. The five officers went to investigate and detained five individuals in the area of the deceased while on-duty personnel were in route.

Sergeant James Morse, Sergeant George Fisher, Officers David Berube, Carrie Giacomini, Special Officers Paulo Cruz and Benjamin Curelli also responded and played vital roles in the investigation. After a subsequent investigation by the Massachusetts State Police, it was determined that the discharge of the firearm was accidental. The immediate response of Department personnel led to a safe and efficient resolution to the incident. Without each officer's intervention and professional demeanor, the investigation would be hindered by the possible loss of witness and/or evidence. Each responding officer was awarded a Department Medal of Commendation and formally recognized for their professionalism during this critical incident.

Training

Detective Curelli's successful completion of the Basic Narcotics Investigators School, Sexual Assault Investigations Training, and Reid Interview & Interrogation Techniques Training will serve to enhance his abilities as an investigator.

Sergeant George Fisher was recognized as the honor graduate from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's (FLETC) 405th Marine Law Enforcement Training Program in Brunswick, GA this April. Attaining the highest scores in the class, Sergeant Fisher's expertise will augment the strategic plan of the Oak Bluffs Emergency Management Team (OBEMT) and patrol/response vessel operations.

The FLETC sought input on state, local, and federal levels to reconfigure their training guidelines to update the Small Craft Enforcement Training Program. After receiving an invitation to participate, Sergeant Fisher traveled back to Georgia in December to make substantial recommendations affecting nationwide training over the next several years.

I attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New England Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar in Connecticut in March. This distinguished program provided excellent executive management training for law enforcement professionals and an opportunity to network with law enforcement executives throughout the world.

Officers Christopher Wiggin and David Berube joined Sergeant James Morse and Detective Nicholas Curelli on Motorcycle Patrol after successfully completing the training at the MBTA Police Headquarters in April.

The American Crime Prevention Institute certified Officers Damien Harris and Stephen Gwozdz, as Crime Prevention Specialists. This two-week training provided a variety of principles and strategies on preventing crime through education, crime-trend analysis, and community action.

Lieutenant Timothy Williamson and Sergeant James Morse were certified as Glock Armorers for the Department. These certifications are essential in that the cost of contracting with an outside armorer to repair, assemble, and test firearms is eliminated.

Both Lieutenant Williamson and Sergeant Morse also became certified Firearms Instructors after successfully completing the class hosted by the Municipal Police Training Committee.

In-Service Training for eighteen (18) summer special officers at the Masonic Lodge in June included topics of Criminal Law, Motor Vehicle Law, Patrol Procedures, Use of Force, Handgun Retention & Come Along Techniques, Constitutional Law/Search & Seizure, Defensive Tactics, Drugs/Alcohol/ Search & Seizure, Department Operations, Department Chaplaincy, Searching Prisoners, Traffic Control, Town By-Laws, Liquor Laws, Local Licensing Regulations for Alcohol, Parking Enforcement, Fake ID's, Ethics, SARA Model & Problem Solving Exercises, Community Policing & Projects, and Firearms.

Other noteworthy trainings throughout the year included Mental Health in the Court System, Preventing School Attacks, and Exploitation of Elder Finances, to name a few.

Safety Initiatives

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) awarded the Department an *Honorable Mention* award in recognition of our participation in the 2003 IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge. The award was based on traffic safety initiatives that have been conducted by the Department. All of the winners of the Challenge were proudly displayed at the 2004 IACP Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

Officer Carrie Giacomini presented information to the employees of the Vineyard Nursing Association (VNA) and the Oak Bluffs Library about safety in the workplace, recognizing danger signs of violent patients, and de-

escalation techniques for agitated people. The VNA approached the Department to assist its employees out in the field and has had two presentations thus far. The Oak Bluffs Library presentation went so well that Director Linda Norton has expressed that she would like to have Officer Giacomini present to all island libraries.

All liquor establishments were inspected and were found in compliance on local and state levels with legal postings of licenses, warning signs, etc. In addition, over thirty participants attended the Department sponsored class offered to local bars and liquor stores. This no cost opportunity provided knowledge of liquor laws, liability, and identifying fake ID's. Our initiatives in assisting licensed establishments this summer resulted in a decrease in calls for service to bars for fights and disturbances compared to other years.

Consistent with the Department's model of Community Policing, I am pleased to announce that our *Crime Prevention Program* has successfully impacted more than twenty citizens and businesses in Town. Officers Harris and Gwozdz conducted two public information sessions at the Council on Aging to discuss the new *Risk-Assessments* that are offered to all local residents and businesses. These *Assessments* offer practical suggestions you can use to prevent crime in your home or business. Please contact either Officers Gwozdz or Harris at (508) 693-0750 to schedule your *Risk-Assessment.*

After successfully recertifying as a Child Safety Technician this year, Officer Carrie Giacomini continued to assist citizens in ensuring proper installation of their child's safety seat. To ensure your child's safety seat is installed properly, please contact Officer Carrie Giacomini at (508) 693-0750 to schedule an appointment.

The Family Abuse Safety Team (FAST) continued to provide added support and monitoring of our senior citizens and families at risk of domestic violence. As a new component of the FAST program, Officer Giacomini took part in a women's group at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School comprised of students to educate people about violence against women and children. Led by staff of Women's Support Services, the group has worked together to create a newspaper containing information, statistics, and commentary on world issues relating to domestic violence.

"Urgency But No Emergency"
3-1-1 System Setup

To activate the "Urgency But No Emergency" 3-1-1 system from your home, business, or cell phone:

- Pick up your phone and dial 3-1-1.
- Wait for the recording and select number (1). You will be diverted to another menu asking you to select the town that you are in. Select the number that corresponds with your town. The next message is your town's information.
- Hang up when you hear the information for menu for that town.
- Wait one minute and pick up the phone and dial 3-1-1 again. You should now be directed to your town immediately.

From that point on, every time you dial 3-1-1, you will be in contact with your town. Make sure that if you have more than one phone line, you set up the system on each line, not each phone.

Grants

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety awarded the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council $260,000 of grant funding to purchase a mobile command unit. This vital equipment will be used for conducting drills or exercises, to serve as a command post for public events, critical incident response and implementation of incident command systems. This year long project will be completed upon delivery of the unit in March 2005.

As mentioned last year, the Oak Bluffs Emergency Management Team accepted a grant award from the Department of Transportation's, Transportation Security Administration to purchase a patrol/fire fighting capable vessel that will also be used by the Oak Bluffs Fire Department Dive Team. In November, Sergeant Fisher along with Chairman Wey of the Board of Selectmen, Civil Defense Director Peter Martell, and Harbormaster Todd Alexander drove to Canada to pick up the vessel and sailed it back to the island. This emergency response vessel is considered an insurance policy for the Town to conform to potential raising MARSEC levels as utilized by Steamship Authority Vessels and cruise lines. Sergeant Fisher is expected to provide comprehensive training for those designated to operate the vessel assuring capable people assume command of the boat.

...e weekend was busy, but routine for po...

...zra Blair

...r many Islanders and visitors, ...nination Night, the annual ... Bluffs Fireworks and the ...r-day Martha's Vineyard Agri...tural Society Livestock Show ...d Fair mark the high point of ...mmer.

Despite an influx of visitors for ...ree of the Island's signature ...ents, police officials across the ...land reported a busy but rela...vely routine weekend.

West Tisbury had its hands full ...ith the four-day Agricultural So...iety Fair last week. Beth Toomey, West Tisbury police chief, said the number of incidents requiring po...lice were up from previous years. A fact she attributed to higher at...tendance.

Police responded to a report of a number of counterfeit tickets for rides circulating around the fair...grounds. Ms. Toomey s... counterfeiter was not ca...

There were also a r... ports of lost or sto... of the more cos... $1,000 digital ... missing fro... dor's tent...

While ... Tisbu... num... enc... ...

alcohol-related arrests, a drug-related arrest, and a minor motor vehicle accident. He said it was a typical workload for a summer weekend. "It was pretty uneventful. Mostly minor stuff," said Chief Blake.

Among t... a man all... from a st... According to police, the man had also used stolen credit cards to make numerous purchases around town.

Christopher Linehan, 26, of South Boston, was arrested and charged with larceny over $250, five counts of credit card theft, six counts of credit card fraud, disorderly conduct, shoplifting, two counts of possession of a Class B drug (Percocet and Hydrocodone), two counts of possession of a Class E drug (Allegra and an unknown pill), larceny of a controlled substance, knowingly receiving stolen property, and resisting ar...st.

...hief Blake said overall th... of incidents in town ap... down from previous ... this summer has ... I believe the ... down this ... but all ... the ...

erage weekend number. Aside from the medical emergencies, the weekend was typical for August, he said.

"It was definitely a busy weekend, but I would say it was a pretty typical August weekend, a few

Oak Bluffs gets new patrol boat

Among the weekend arrest... Claudius Agard, 49, of Edgartow... was arrested on Sunday an... charged with two counts of a ... and battery with a dang... weapon and one count of dor... assault and battery. Accordi... Chief Condlin, after an argu... with his girlfriend and her son... Agard allegedly stormed ups... and brought down a nine-... knife. Chief Condlin said that... Agard's girlfriend was able to t... the knife away from Mr. Agard ... lock him out of the house until ... lice arrived.

Three Islanders, familiar to police, face new drug charges

By Ezra Blair

Following months of investiga... police officers with the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force and the Oak Bluffs Narcotics Enforcement Team arrested three Islanders on drug-related charges last week.

Two of the individuals were familiar to police for prior drug charges.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, police officers arrested Jason Bowes, 27, of Oak Bluffs after he got off an airplane at the Martha's Vineyard Airport.

According to police, the drug ...sk force team got a tip from West ...bury police and airport employ... that a suspicious passenger ...ently flown from the Vine... New Bedford and back ...ral hours.

Bowes got off the ... stopped him for ...er searching Mr. ...ers found two ... his shoe, ac... ...ffs police de... ...nt ...sted and ... a Class ...strib...

they said planned to purchase large quantities of the painkiller OxyContin.

In a separate incident last week, drug task force officers executed a search warrant at a home in Vineyard Haven on Nov. 10. According to the Oak Bluffs police statement, inside the house officers found Nancy Higgins, 44, "with heroin and a hypodermic needle still in her hands."

"At the time off... bedroom, she ... high," the poli... Ms. Higgins ... charged with p... illegal possession ... needle, and know... ent where heroin ... Police also found ... by, 47, of Edgartow... room with Ms. Higgi... rested and cha... possession of heroin, illegal possession of a hypodermic needle, and knowingly being present where heroin is kept.

The arrest came only a w... ter a Barnstable Co... jury indicted Ms. H... other Tisbury ... arising fr... ...ary w...

drugs to charge her with distribution.

Lieutenant Williamson said both ... of last week's drug busts followed months of investigative work by police officers from across the Island.

"These are all cases that we ha... been working on for a ... The arrests w... ...

Man Is Convicted In Oak Bluffs Rapes

Airport at about 5 pm on Friday ... When police arrived they found n... airplane.

Assessing the summer overall ... Chief Condlin said the number of incidents are down slightly from last year.

"We really haven't had ...-to-back periods ...n out straig... ...ious ...

Officer Stein Brightens His Island Corner

By MAX HART

...small patch of tar in fr... Steamship A... ...re Oak Bluff... ...Seavie... and the ...ry ... Matthew S... "Car... as ...

...Bluffs ... lice offi... Task Force ... morning and ... and marijuana. Columbus M. J... day, was arrest... of a class D ... class B drug ... second, subseq... According to Lt. ... Bluffs police dep... Martha's Vineyard Dr... cludes the state police a... land town, executed two ... Tisbury Stop and Shop ... am on Friday. The sea... and another man wh... Shop. The warrants ... month drug investi... While one of th... according to pol... cocaine, and ... marijuana on ... The arrest ... land in the ... In Febr... vestigatio... Mr. Jon... caine ... juana, ... Mr. Jones ... where he ha...

...sts on Drug Charges Follow Search of a Home

...Bluffs police said a call to in... landlord-tenant dispute last ... discovery of more than ... cinogenic mush... ...ts in cultiva...

Police

Oak Bluffs ... to beware of ... mation over t... recently recei... possible ph...

Police Depart... Junior Acc...

Tisbury Man Is Ar... After Late-Night S...

A 20-year-old man from ... Haven was stabbed late Sat... in Oak Bluffs following a f... flat tire.

Oak Bluffs police said th... old Gessi Silva used a small p... to slash the man in the neck... was charged with assault an... assault and battery with a ... weapon and assault with inten...

He was released on $500 ba... failed to appear in Edgartow... Court Monday for his arraignm... terday, Oak Bluffs police rece... from Newport, R.I., inform... that Mr. Silva was working ... struction site in the Rhode Isla...

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VINEYARD GAZETTE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD

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Nicholas Curelli Promoted To Oak Bluffs Detecti...

Nicholas Curelli of the Oak Bluffs ...lice Department was promoted to ... position of detective last month. ...tective Curelli grew up on the Vine... attended the Oak Bluffs Schoo... graduated from Martha's Viney... ...gional High School. He earned ...'s degree from Boston Coll... ...degree in criminal justice ...v England Colleg... ...er with the depar...

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Oak Bluffs Bar Shut Down ... Plainclothes Police Bust

...elli is currently ... ...k Bluffs narcotics ... ...forcement team and the Martha's Vi... ...yard Drug Task Force. He successfu... completed a course at the Basic N... ...cotics Investigator School and has ... undergone training sessions for se... assault investigations and intervie... ...nd interrogation techniques. ...his promotion served to fill a ...ncy left by Detective R... ...recently resigned to a ...

...witness told police that he ... throw a hand dolly through the fron... ...e store and then enter the building. ...cording to a police department pre...

Man held in Oak Bluffs drug bust

OAK BLUFFS – State and Oak Bluffs police coordinated efforts last night to arrest a New Bedford man on a charge of cocaine trafficking.

State police said Robert Correia, 32, who rents a room in Oak Bluffs, was arrested last night after an investigation. According to state police, Correia was found to be in possession of 28 grams of cocaine with an approximate street value of $2,800.

Correia was being held in the Dukes County House of Correction in Edgartown last night, pending a scheduled arraignment in Edgartown ...t today.

...telephone scams

...to collect your prize you must first forward cash to cover taxes and expenses. The caller usually requests that this be done through Western Union or some form of cash payment. In some cases, the phony sweepstakes company will send a fake money order partially covering the alleged winnings, and ...ill then request money for taxes ...d service charges.

...any times, if a payment is not ...ved in the sweepstakes scam, ...me individual will operate a ...p scam. In those cases, ...r usually offers legal serv... ...fee, to protect against ...s. Often, they will offer ...ur name from a call ... of money.

...the Oak Bl...

lice department, "because of jurisdictional issues, it is nearly impossible to recoup losses once money has exchanged hands. Also, unfortunately, the sale of unnecessary services is not against the law."

However, police urged anyone who receives a call that they believe is a telephone scam to report it to their local police department.

Police also urged people to be mindful when they receive telephone calls form unknown callers. The Oak Bluffs police department handout stated, "Under no circumstances give out personal information over the telephone, for example, date of birth, soc... ...rity number...

Police search for Peeping Tom

Oak Bluffs police are searching for a whit... ...nale in his twenties who has been peering int... ...indows at night.

...Erik Blake, Oak Bluffs police chief, said tha... ...n walks up to the windows or glass doors o... ...es and observes the occupants. Once he i... ...d, he flees on foot.

...f Blake said similar incidents occurred a ...he same time last year. He encourage... ...be watchful.

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...ly 4 holiday brought hot beach ...r summer skies, and droves of visi... ...t while it was generally busy, the ...was routine, according to reports ...and police departments.

...reported an increased number of ...ncy calls and more vehicles on the ...but major incidents were few: An Oak Bluffs police sting operation landed three ... people in jail. Claudia's ... was broken into on St... moped collided on Satu... ...

At the Martha's Vin... ...gency room, Monday w... the long weekend holi... treated.

Four arrested in We...

By Ezra Blair

In the fourth major drug bust here this month, police officers with the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force arrested four people last week, after executing a search warrant for 78B Buttonwood Farm Road in West Tisbury. Armed with the warrant, approximately 10 officers and a State Police K-9 team executed the search at about 5 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Inside the house, police found Rachael Beaulieu, 22, of West Tisbury. Police arrested her almost immediately, after they observed a digital scale with white residue on it, sitting in plain view on the bedroom dresser.

According to an Oak Bluffs police department press statement, Ms. Beaulieu leases the property and lives there with her boyfriend, Brian Frost, 26.

Mr. Frost was the primary target ...t force's investigation.

Lt. ... Oak ... Mr. ... drug task...

"He is a serio... said.

Last week, Mr. Frost was not a... home when police first executed the warrant, but shortly after they began the search a vehicle approached the property. Inside the car were Mr. Frost, and Jason Graves 23, of Oak Bluffs, who has a listed address in Fall River.

When the two men stepped out of the vehicle the police officers identified themselves and told the men about the search warrant. Once confronted, both Mr. Frost and Mr. Graves attempted to flee the scene, according to the police department press statement. Officers immediately detained Mr. Frost, and after a brief foot chase, also caught Mr. Graves.

Both men were placed under arrest after a drug-sniffing K-9 unit dog found approximately 11 grams of cocaine and three grams of heroin in the glove box of the car they were driving.

...K-9 unit also uncovered ...

...caine) with ... conspiracy to ... knowingly being pres... heroin is kept, and illegal po... sion of a firearm (second offen...

Lieutenant Williamson said ... lice are considering addi... charges as well, including ch... of being an armed career cri... which carries a mandatory 1... prison sentence.

Mr. Frost is currently bei... without bail in the Dukes ... House of Corrections.

Mr. Graves was charg... possession of a Class ... (heroin) with intent to d... possession of a Class B ... caine) with intent to ... knowingly being pres... heroin is kept, and co... violate drug laws.

Ms. Beaulieu was ch... possession of a Class ... caine), and possessio...

Oak Bluffs Man Is Dead Of Wound from Gunshot

...Officers Rescue Victim from Car Fire

The Department was yet again awarded a $7,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to continue supporting our involvement in the statewide *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.* and *Click It or Ticket* Campaigns. We strongly urge drivers to operate their vehicle sober, obey posted speed limits, and to make sure that everyone is buckled up. We are serious about saving lives by vigorously enforcing all traffic laws, in particular those involving safety belts and child safety seats. Joined by the Edgartown Police Department, Sergeant Morse conducted various public awareness programs throughout the year about seat belt safety. The Safety Belt Pledge Drive drew attention to over 100 people who took pledges to increase safety belt use to reduce risk of serious injury or even death. A Public Awareness Discussion was facilitated at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School to discuss drinking and driving and safety belt use. This grant allowed to Department to purchase additional radar equipment.

With the continued support of the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS), the Department maintained its commitment to Service, Integrity, and Professionalism as the recipient of the State Community Policing Grant Award. As previously mentioned, our Crime Prevention Program update was made possible, as well as the funding for public safety planning for the July 4th holiday, and the third annual Junior Police Academy. Our Cops In Shops program, an initiative to ensure liquor establishment compliance was also funded by EOPS.

Additionally, the EOPS awarded funding for the Town to maximize our local preparedness efforts for Homeland Security initiatives. The purchase of a decontamination pump worked in conjunction with the decontamination unit and facility previously purchased by state grant funding. The pump also supplements the decontamination and fire fighting abilities on the newly acquired patrol/response vessel. This vital funding provided a fast track to purchase equipment where otherwise would have been fiscally challenging.

Oak Bluffs Narcotics Enforcement Team (OBNET)

This past year, the Oak Bluffs Narcotics Enforcement Team (OBNET) in conjunction with the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force had a particularly successful year. With the help of a $3000 grant obtained from the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), the OBNET was able to make several cases against island drug dealers. The grant money allowed the opportunity for thorough investigations, resulting in five search warrants executed in several island towns. Fourteen arrests were made with various drug charges, (346) grams of powder cocaine, (126) grams of crack cocaine, (27) grams of heroin and (12) grams of marijuana were all seized. These drugs have a street value of $58,000. Approximately $14,000 in cash was seized along with one (1) 9 mm Smith and Wesson handgun. The OBNET is led by Lieutenant Timothy Williamson and includes Detective Nicholas Curelli, Sergeant James Morse, Officers Stephen Gwozdz, Christopher Wiggin, and Nicholas Peterson.

If you are aware of illegal narcotic use or distribution, please call Lieutenant Timothy Williamson or Detective Nicholas Curelli at (508) 693-0750 or the **ANONYMOUS HOTLINE** at (508) 696-0303. Your confidential involvement can make Oak Bluffs a safer place for everyone.

Chaplain's Report

Chaplain/Officer David Berube was honored this summer and presented with a Department Medal of Meritorious Service in recognition of his devoted role as Chaplain. Over the course of the year, he dedicated almost 150 hours of ministry, participating in public ceremonies, making visits, coordinating training, providing counsel, and critical incident stress debriefings, to name a few.

Most notably, Chaplain/Officer Berube coordinated a Department sponsored workshop on Police Stress and Suicide. The keynote speaker, Chaplain Robert Douglas of the National P.O.L.I.C.E. Suicide Foundation, Inc., shared his experience of over thirty years as a chaplain/patrolman in inner cities. He was accompanied by his wife and partner in this vital work, Carolyn.

Chaplain Douglas provided an opportunity to discuss root causes of police stress and suicide, as well as identifying coping mechanisms for stressors on the job. Over thirty-five island-wide law enforcement personnel participated in the seminar. A Public Safety Worship Service was held at the Trinity Methodist Church to conclude the two half-day workshops.

Goals for 2005 include offering training on Critical Incident Stress Debriefing in order to have a trained team on-island and increase worship services offered to officers.

Junior Police Academy

The largest session thus far, the Junior Police Academy recruited nineteen children in between the ages of 9-13 year of age. This third session headed by Youth Service Officer Carrie Giacomini, provided the opportunity for children to participate in the no-cost week long program with each day focusing on various aspects of law enforcement. By the end of the session, recruits respect for police was heightened after gaining knowledge in areas of arrest procedures, medical emergencies, defensive tactics, accident reconstruction, seat belt safety, crime scene analysis, dispatch procedures, and court proceedings. Daily themes of accountability, respect, authority, and self esteem were also discussed. I would like to thank Cronig's Market and Dippin' Donuts for the very generous food donations throughout the week.

In closing, it is with the utmost respect for the Town of Oak Bluffs and its citizens that I submit this annual report. The ultimate goal for your police department is to exemplify the uppermost standards set forth for policing professionals. These expectations are met and maintained by a vigorous dedication to hold ourselves to the highest legal, moral and ethical principles. In doing so, the Department will be coming up on its third year of holding the status of Certification. It is the goal of this Department to reach the state's status of Accreditation by January 2006. I will continue to support the initiatives and programs that have proven successful for our community as well as seek out new training, funding and program opportunities throughout the policing community.

We are committed to serving you with a steadfast resolve to uphold our Core Values: *Service-Integrity-Professionalism.*

Respectfully submitted,

ERIK G. BLAKE
Chief

Part I Crimes (Arrests)

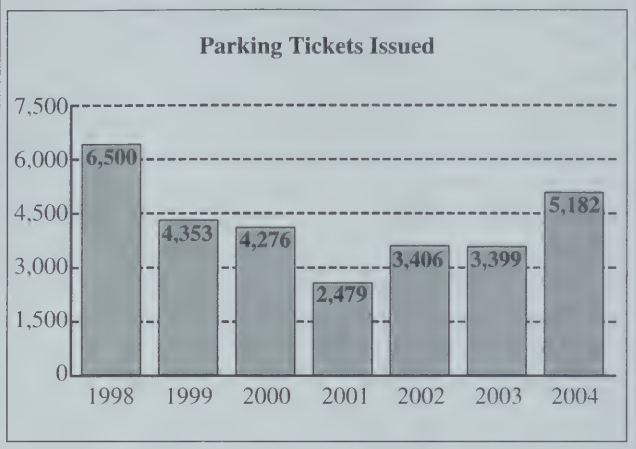
Homicide	0
Sexual Assault	3
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	15
Burglary	5
Auto Theft	0

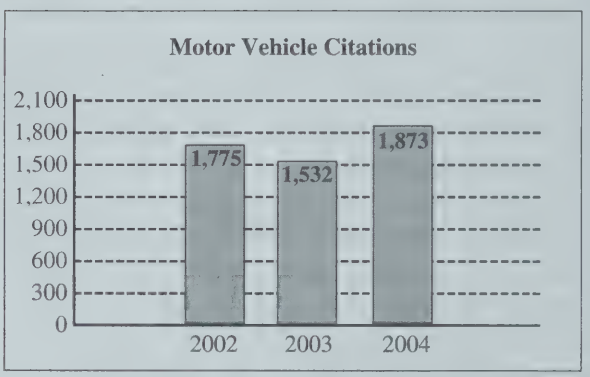
Part II Crimes (Arrests)

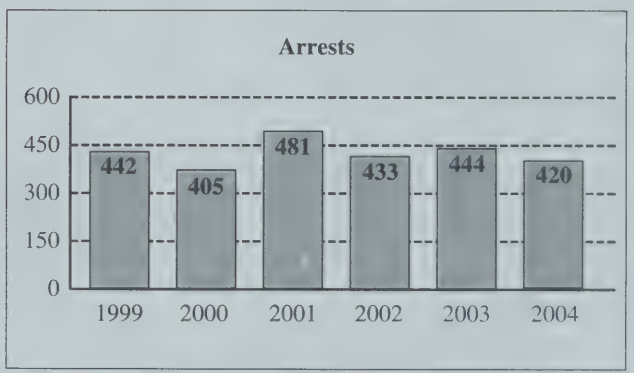
Vandalism	2
Weapons Violations	0
Drugs	30
OUI	99
Disorderly Conduct	23
Liquor Law Violations	24
Total Arrests*	420

* represents all arrests made including those listed above

Oak Bluffs Police officers responded to 6,591 calls for service in 2004. This figure represents dispatched, walk in and self initiated incident reports.







FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Again it is my pleasure to submit my annual report to you.

In the year 2004, we were able to reach more of the goals of our Department. Through a federal grant, we were successful in purchasing a $285,000 combination Fire/Rescue/Patrol boat, at no cost to the Town. Sergeant George Fisher is the lead person for any situation concerning the use of this boat. Sergeant Fisher is in the process of training police and firefighters in the proper operation of this boat so they will be able to run it when needed. It will be very valuable in the extinguishing of boat fires, dive/rescue operations and as a patrol boat. My thanks to Sergeant Fisher for the endless hours spent in obtaining this grant and th Captain Peter Martell for his valuable assistance.

Our new Engine four is a great addition to our fleet and should serve the Town for many years to come. The money to purchase the truck came from the Ambulance Reserve Fund. This results in no expense to the taxpayer.

In the coming year, our biggest project will be to put an addition onto the station and hopefully fund it from the Ambulance Reserve Fund. We are in desperate need of more space to be able to function at the highest level and to meet the standards expected in today's uncertain world.

We will continue to pursue grant money in the amount of $680,000 to purchase a new ladder truck to replace the current one which is forty-seven years old. We are no longer able to purchase parts for it. This is important to the Department and should be purchased as soon as funds become available.

Again we are continuing our fire safety programs. These are conducted at the schools for students and citizens at the Senior Center and the Woodside Village Community.

In the EMS side of the Department, we have finally reached the Paramedic level of care. This is a feat of great magnitude and for this I would like to thank Captain John Rose for his many hours of work and attendance at numerous meetings to reach this goal.

Our fire fighting and Bio-Haz units have been constantly drilling to keep up their skills. For this I thank my Deputies: Ralph Norton, Pete Forend and James Moreis, Sr. Captains Peter Martell and Tony Ferreira, are the leaders of the Bio-Haz unit who devote numerous hours to perfecting this unit and give their unselfish support to all aspects of the Department. Captain Ferreira has also taken on additional duties as Chief Fire Inspector, the result being inspections being completed in a timely and professional manner. As Chief I recognize this extra contribution and am extremely grateful.

To the officers and men and women of the Oak Bluffs Fire Department/Ambulance Service, there is no way I or the town could express enough thanks for the exceptional jobs you do and for your input and support. Remember you are the nuts and bolts of the Department and without you the Department would cease to exist.

The increasing burden of numerous local, state and federal reports has been efficiently handled by the Fire Department clerk Eleanor Amaral and the Board of Selectmen's office staff; Shelly Carter, Alice Butler and Town Administrator Casey Sharpe. Town Treasurer Paul Manzi's advice on our financial matters is always appreciated. I thank you all for your most welcome assistance.

I would like to thank Chief Blake and his department, Highway Superintendent Richard Combra, Jr. and his crew and Deacon Perotta for their support and assistance during this past year.

With the help of all of these people and the continuing support of the Board of Selectmen and the good citizens of Oak Bluffs we will continue to move ahead a Fire Department you will always be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS P. ALLEY, Chief

Oak Bluffs Fire Department Statistics 2004

Motor Vehicle Accidents Rescue & Engine Co.	56
Pump Detailing	3
Car Fires	5
Oil Burner	3
Grass & Brush	4
Chimney	4
Electrical	2
Mutual Aid	2
Appliance/Stoves	2
Structure	3
Smoke Investigation	72
Gas Leak Investigation	4
Carbon Monoxide	8
Trash	2
Sprinkler System	4
Open Fires - No Permit	2
Search & Rescue Dive Team	0
Wash Down	4
Boat Fires	1

FALSE ALARMS

Residential and Small Business	31
Woodside Village	9
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School	4
Martha's Vineyard Hospital	20
Oak Bluffs School	5
TOTAL RUNS	**250**

AMBULANCE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I am pleased to provide you with the annual report of the Oak Bluffs Fire Department Emergency Medical Service for 2004. This year has been an eventful year for the Ambulance Service.

In cooperation with the other towns of Martha's Vineyard, Oak Bluffs Ambulance has currently achieved the highest level of pre-hospital care and is now operating at the Paramedic Level. This means that all the ambulances on the Island, including both of the ambulances in Oak Bluffs, will provide the highest level of patient assessment, pre-hospital medication, and trained personnel. I would like to thank Chief Alley for all his hard work implementing this program. I am happy to welcome Marina Lent as the new full-time paramedic hired for Oak Bluffs. Her skills will be invaluable while we embark in this new frontier of pre-hospital medicine.

We dedicated much of this year to expanding the transport service which included the purchase of a new ambulance ("Oscar-92") for the Oak Bluffs Fire Department. Judy Amaral and Fran Bradley were hired as new full-time transport personnel for the additional ambulance. Congratulations to them both on their new positions. We hope to better serve the increasing transport needs of the Vineyard by adding this third ambulance to the squad.

Continuing education provides the foundation for keeping the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) trained to the highest level of pre-hospital care we can provide to our community. This year the squad conducted numerous extrication drills involving mock motor vehicle crashes, fire rehabilitation safety courses to better assist the firemen at fire scenes, and numerous Advanced Life Saving (ALS) Assist courses; both at the Paramedic and EMT-Intermediate levels.

We also saw an upgrade of the Oak Bluffs' Automatic External defibrillators (AEDs) to pediatric compatibility this year. This means that all AEDs in Oak Bluffs' town buildings will be formatted for defibrillating children, should the unfortunate need arise. All of our EMTs have been fully trained in operating theses new machines.

During 2004, Oak Bluffs Ambulance responded to 1,078 calls for the ambulance. There were: 8 Priority One (highest priority) calls, 148 Priority Two, and 326 Priority Three (lowest priority) emergency calls. As the primary provider for all off-island and on-island transports by ambulance, Oak Bluffs Ambulance transported 489 patients. There were 107 calls that did not involve the transport of the patient whether it was because of patient

refusal, cancellation of the ambulance before reaching the scene, or for Fire Department backup and airport emergency standby.

Being an EMT is very time consuming and hard work, often requiring leaving jobs and loved ones at all times of the day and night. While the Town of Oak Bluffs is currently blessed with a committed and dedicated ambulance squad, there is always more room for additional members. If you are interested in becoming an EMT for Oak Bluffs, please call the station. There is considerable hard work and study that goes into becoming a Basic Level EMT, through a challenging six month class learning the didactic, clinical, and practical applications of EMT skills. This year we welcome three new EMT-Bs who have contributed their time and energy in successfully completing the class and joining our squad. Congratulations and welcome to Sue Dennis, Danny Rogers and Gail Stevenson! Many of our veteran EMTs have also gone on to further their education to become part of the ALS cadre of emergency personnel as well. Countless hours of training and testing are required for the advanced skills needed to provide higher levels of patient assessment and care. Congratulations to Judy Amaral for becoming certified to practice at the EMT-Intermediate level and Tony White for completing the arduous Paramedic level training!

I would like to thank the following organizations for their continued support and assistance. These groups play a vital role in the achievement of Oak Bluffs Ambulance's goal for providing quality patient care to the entire community:

Oak Bluffs Fire Department
Oak Bluffs Rescue
Oak Bluffs Police Department
Dukes County Communications Center Dispatchers
Dukes County Sheriff's Department
Martha's Vineyard Hospital -
Emergency Department Personnel

I would like to take this time to recognize the Oak Bluffs Ambulance squad personnel and volunteers that make this service, in my opinion, the best on the Island:

Chad Absten
Mary Alley
Bob Amaral
Judy Amaral-1st Lt.
Randhi Belain
Jason Blandini
Fran Bradley
Matt Bradley
Sue Dennis
Ken Davey
Wendy Farmer-Secretary
Tony Ferreira
Kelsey Forend-Healy
Jesse Fuller
Kyle Gatchell
John Gonsalves
Sloan Hart
Olivia Lew-Treasurer
Bob Lehman
Marina Lent
Bob Merritt
Rich Michelson
Chris Oteri-2nd Lt.
Renee Oteri
Kathy Perry
Marques Rivers
Danny Rogers
Gail Stevenson
Kelli Stewart
Peter Tennant
Zeke Wilkins
Tony White

Respectfully submitted,

Captain JOHN ROSE
Oak Bluffs Ambulance

BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Building projects in the Town of Oak Bluffs have held consistent in the past few years however the number of permits for Single Family Dwellings has dropped from 46 issued in 2003 to 36 issued in 2004.

Calendar Year	Number	Estimated Value
2000	356	15,000,000.00
2001	266	15,494,378.00
2002	325	16,985,513.00
2003	362	16,581,739.00
2004	369	19,879,382.00

Department Receipts (Permits and Inspections):

Building	$ 82,669.00
Gas Permits and Gas Inspections	9,701.00
Oil Permits and Oil Inspections	1,420.00
Plumbing Permits and Plumbing Inspections	9,140.00
Wire Permits and Wire Inspections	17,734.00
Smoke Detector Inspections	4,285.00
Miscellaneous	2,878.00
Total Receipts for Permit Fees	**$130,572.00**

I would like to thank all other town departments for their continued cooperation with this department and I express gratitude to all committee members who so tirelessly give their time and energy to the town, and appreciation to Eliza Usher my administrative clerk. Thank you all for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD R. MAVRO
Building Inspector

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the annual report for 2004 for the the Oak Bluffs Highway Department.

There were a few snow storms during the beginning of the year but with the deep freeze it kept any snow from melting. The biggest snow storm of 2004 occurred at the end of the year on December 27th.

We continued with the Town's paving plan and had the following roads paved; Brewster Avenue, Lake Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue, and Winemack Avenue. In conjunction with Ron Jackson of the Ocean View Restaurant, Wayland Avenue was also repaved.

The Highway Department personnel continued with their routine responsibilities such as rubbish collection, snow removal, building and grounds maintenance, catch basin cleaning and street sweeping. They also assisted the Shellfish Department in the annual quahog relay. The Highway Department hired four seasonal laborers to maintain the three public restrooms which are open from mid-April to early November. A new Town Custodian McKinley "Mac" Starks was hired in February. We were saddened by the death of our seasonal Landfill laborer Lenny Yancey in November.

The Town of Oak Bluffs generated 1040.84 tons of solid waste during 2004 and we recycled the following:

Co-mingles .....122.18 tons
Newspapers .....110.54 tons
Cardboard .....145.73 tons

Revenues generated by this Department in 2004:

Household stickers and Vehicle Permits: $180,883.75
Sale of Cemetery Lots: .....$ 11,250.00
Snow Removal Contracts (2) .....$ 4,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue .....$ 13,808.05

The Town of Oak Bluffs would again like to thank Jardin Mahoney for the lovely Christmas tree that graced Post Office Square.

I would like to thank all other Town departments for their cooperation and the employees of the Highway Department for another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD COMBRA, JR.
Highway Superintendent

WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

First, for the record, our busiest day was August 12, with 189,548 gallons received. Our average for the summer period (June, July, and August) in 2003 was 163,769 gallons per day. Our average for the summer period (June, July, and August) in 2002 was 71,076 gallons. This increase is clearly because we have been able to get more properties tied in over the past year. Below is a chart that shows what the average use of the facility is over a twelve month period.

Month	Daily Average Flow 2003	Daily Average Flow 2004
January	14,745	22,433
February	10,591	21,024
March	16,839	21,901
April	21,943	30,790
May	44,097	52,899
June	85,086	90,322
July	95,348	142,455
August	140,184	149,923
September	77,738	95,269
October	31,788	55,971
November	38,915	26,876
December	20,604	24,098

The total gallons of wastewater treated during the year were approximately 26 million gallons, compared to 18 million gallons last year. This increase was expected due to us getting more properties tied in during the spring of 2004.

The gravity sewer line down East Chop Drive to service some of the homes right along the harbor, as well as the Ocean View Restaurant was completed. The cost of this extension was paid for by the properties receiving the benefit of the sewers. We believe this approval will greatly improve the water quality in Oak Bluffs Harbor by removing the septic systems that served those properties.

The force main sewer extension up School Street to our new Library & Town Hall has been completed, and the 25 to 30 or so homes along School Street will be given the opportunity to tie in.

We would like to ask everyone for their help in dealing with our major problem here at the treatment facility. This problem is disposing of grease. We ask everyone not to pour grease down the drain or into the toilet. Whether you are on the sewer system or not, please pour your grease into coffee cans and dispose of it with your trash. By doing this you will add many years of life onto your septic systems, and you will help alleviate operational and odor problems here at the treatment facility.

I would like to thank the staff here at the Facility. They are Lisa Merritt, Lab Technician & Administrator. Lisa has successfully passed her Grade 6 Wastewater exam, and Jim Montieth, Mechanic/Operator. Jim has also passed his Grade 6 Wastewater exam.

The Town in general and I specifically are very fortunate to have the employees we do. It is not only a pleasure to work with them, but they truly work in the best interests of the Town of Oak Bluffs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH N. ALOSSO,
Chief Operator

RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES

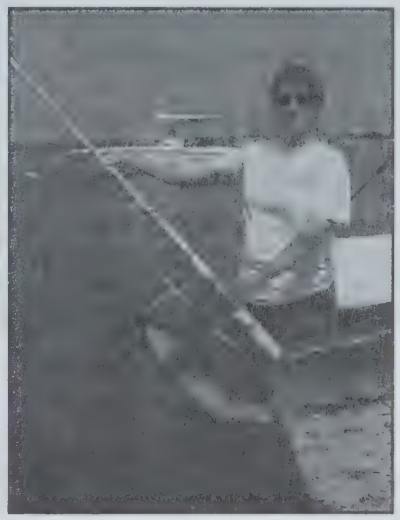
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

This past year we recognized that the work we are doing with bay scallops is at the forefront of the efforts throughout the bay scallop's entire range. I attended several conferences and assisted in the planning of a "Bay Scallop Symposium". During this two day meeting, restoration and management of the bay scallop was the only topic. Our work with the spawning cages and spat collectors in Lagoon Pond was presented. The presentation got a lot of positive attention and several researchers have approached us asking for some of the seed we have been catching annually in the spat bags to further their research goals. One of the recommendations that came out of the meeting was to establish a "Bay Scallop Task Force" to write a position paper titled "State of the Bay Scallop" and would identify areas where further research is desperately needed. I have been asked to participate in this effort, which is indeed a great honor for me as well as the Town of Oak Bluffs.

Jeanette Bigelow Quahogging

The largest conference this past year was a joint meeting of the World Aquaculture Society and the National Shellfisheries Association. During this conference I had a chance to talk with researchers from the US EPA's Atlantic Ecology Division and extol the attributes of Lagoon Pond as well as the current and past work done in the pond. About two months after the conference, I received word from them that their proposal to develop computer models to assist in the restoration and management of the bay scallop and eel grass resources had been approved. They had chosen Lagoon Pond as one of the sites they wanted to use. This will be a 3-4 year project and the Town will be given all their results. If they are successful in developing these models they will be an invaluable tool to better manage these resources. All the funding for this project is through the US EPA's budget, estimated at $150,000-$200,000 for this project alone.



Marty Chintala (EPA) with underwater video camera preparing to video the bottom of Lagoon Pond

At the April 2004 Special Town Meeting the Town voted its share of the cost to place Lagoon Pond into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). The Shellfish Department is working closely with both the MED personnel and the MVC to collect the data needed to develop the computer models unique to Lagoon Pond. These models will be the end product of this project and will be an excellent tool to better manage the pond and its watershed. We hope to place Sengekontacket Pond into this project in 2005 and Farm Pond in 2006 or 7.

The Shellfish Department increased the amount of seed shellfish it handled to over 4,000,000! Most of this seed was provided by the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group. We began to explore more in depth the potential of creating a recreational oyster fishery in Town. During the past few years we have planted a few thousand oysters into an area that is perhaps only marginal habitat for oysters, but the best in Oak Bluffs. Although we have been able to demonstrate that the oysters live and grow well, we have not to date seen any natural recruitment of oysters in the pond. This year we received 250,000 seed oysters at 2-3 mm and grew them out to about 1/2 to 3/4 in and planted them out. Our current plan is to repeat this for the next 2-3 years and re-evaluate then.

We achieved very good growth of the steamer seed in our upweller in the harbor. Again this year we worked with

500,000 steamer seed that we received from Salem State College's teaching hatchery. They arrived at a size when most of them would just catch on window screen mesh. The largest we measured from a random sample in October when they were broadcast planted was 46.2 mm or just shy of one inch. We will be repeating this again next year and I plan to present our work growing the steamer clam at a conference within the next year or so when all the data collected is analyzed. I have received very positive feed back about our results when it has been discussed informally with other researchers and resource managers.

Opening day of scallop season

We, of course, continued to work with quahogs. The 1.3 million seed from the MVSG grew well in the nursery rafts in Sengekontacket Pond. These were planted out, mostly in Sengekontacket Pond, but also in the harbor and Lagoon Pond.

Deputy Ewart with steamer seed from the Town's upweller in the Harbor

We did not get as many bushels of quahogs through the State's relay program as we had ordered (600 of the 800 bushels ordered). We were able to find a private aquaculturist that could supply us with larger seed quahogs in the fall. The funds not expended from the relay program purchased another 125,000 seed. These were planted in the area that was shorted during the relay program. This area will be sparse when it opens next as the seed needs time to grow as opposed to the relay stock that is received at a harvestable size.

Intern Matthew Scott with wild scallop seed caught in our spat collectors

We were again this year fortunate enough to receive some grant funding as well. Through the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah we were able to secure a $149,713.00 grant to go toward addressing the storm water runoff from New York Avenue. The contract for this grant is expected to be signed in early 2005. We received other smaller grants as well: an accounting of funds secured in 2004 is attached.

Bushel of bay scallops

In October the Farm Pond Watershed was nominated to be placed onto the Massachusetts Wetlands Restoration Priority list. In December we received notification that it was placed onto the list. This means the Town is now eligible to receive technical assistance from the MA Coastal Zone Management's professional staff. With their help and advice and comment from several other agencies a comprehensive restoration plan will be developed. Watersheds on this list also qualify for additional funding sources and may get preferential points in other grant opportunities. This will certainly be a multiyear project, but

this is a significant step to improve and protect the Farm Pond watershed.

I wish to thank my staff; Francis Scott, Danielle Ewart, and Nicole Morey; the Wampanoag Tribe's work/learn intern Matthew Scott; Senior Tax/work off volunteers Tommy Morrison and Bob Ford and all the other volunteers that have assisted us in the past year. I would like to extend special thanks to Bill Wilcox for his tireless efforts in monitoring our coastal water quality and to Richie Combra, Jr., Highway Superintendent and his entire department that has been a tremendous help with among other things the quahog relay, planning for the replacement of the two bridges on Sengekontacket and the drawbridge and of course the installation of the storm water remediation projects to help protect and improve our coastal waters.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. GRUNDEN
Shellfish Constable

Funding Secured in 2004

2004	Beach Stabilization and Tern nesting protection	USDA WHIP	OB Shellfish	$7,900
2004	Pond Nutrient Loading source Update	MCZM CNPS	MVC	$10,868
2004	Lagoon Pond Loading Computer Model	MA Estuaries	OB Shellfish	$52,000
		Tisbury Match		$10,000
		TWI Contribution		$10,000
2004	Scallop Habitat Modeling	US EPA Ecology Office	OB Shellfish*	$150,000
2004	Storm Water NY Ave	US EPA/WTGH(A)	Town of Oak Bluffs #	$149,713
2004	Eel Grass Seeding Trial	FOS	MVC	$3,100
2004	Water Quality Monitoring	DEP 604 b	MVC ($11,412) # #	$6,000
2004	Eel Grass Environmental Requirement Study	Part of east coast study FL, VA/MD, RI, and MA-Lagoon Pond	US EPA ($75,000)**	$10,000
2004	Farm Pond placed on MA restoration priority list	Town of Oak Bluffs	MA EOEA & MA CZM	
2004	IBM ThinkPad	IBM###	MVSG	$2,300
Total				**$411,881**

* Minimum Dollar value estimated as US EPA will do the work and provide the Town of Oak Bluffs with final reports as well as copy of the model of Lagoon Pond.

** This is an estimated value and only a small part of the larger grant

\# Wampanoag Tribe received direct Federal funding. A Tribe/Town contract is due to be signed early 2005.

Six island salt ponds were included in this grant, 3 were in Oak Bluffs. (Farm Pond, Lagoon Pond and Sengekontacket Pond)

The lap top is on loan to the Shellfish Department - the MVSG received cash towards other equipment needed at the hatchery. This department did all the paperwork required.

Additionally the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department has been awarded a summer work/learn intern from the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) for the past five years. The intern works a 20 hour week for the Shellfish Department and the intern gets valuable experience in shellfish management and shellfish aquaculture. This position is at no cost to the Town of Oak Bluffs. The value of this program is at least $2,000.00 per year (5 years in program = $10,000.00).

Ongoing projects funded through grants from a prior calendar year:

2001	Storm Water Renovation Lagoon Pond	DEP s-319	OB Shellfish	$73,030
2002	Eel Grass Seed Bed establishment	USDA	OB Shellfish	$1,100

Shellfish Licenses issued in 2004

Type of License	Number Sold	Price/License	Total Revenue
Residential (family) Recreational	279	$ 35.00	$9,765.00
Non-Resident (family) Recreational	10	$150.00	1,500.00
Senior Recreational	317	Free	0.00
One Week Recreational	108	$ 25.00	2,700.00
Two Week Recreational	6	$ 50.00	300.00
One Month Recreational	0	$ 75.00	0.00
Commercial	17	$300.00 **	5,100.00
Totals	**737**		**$19,365.00**

Summarized Catch Report

	Bushels Harvested			2004 Estimated
	2002	**2003**	**2004**	**Wholesale Value**
Quahogs				
Recreational	613	524.5	638.5	
Commercial	579.5	398 #	336.5#	
Total	**1,192.5**	**923.5**	**975**	**$ 72,440.00**
Clams				
Recreational	74	72	55	
Commercial	4.5	6	7	
Total	**78.5**	**78**	**62**	**$ 7,440.00**
Bay Scallops				
Recreational	231	670	325	
Commercial	685.5	1,440**	967	
Total	**916.5**	**2,110**	**1292**	**$ 124,032.00**
Total Estimated 2004 Wholesale Value				**$203,912.00**
				4.5*
Estimated value of Shellfish Industry to the Town of Oak Bluffs				**$917,604.00**

*Economic multiplier supplied by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

#There were fewer commercial fishermen during the summer months, which resulted in a 45.6% decline in the commercial quahog landings in 2003 compared with 2002.

**Just before and at the start of bay scallop season 11 new commercial licenses were issued, more than doubling the amount issued during the summer months.

More detailed catch report information is available upon request.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The importance a community places on its traditional food sources is a measure of its cultural integrity. Just as uniform fast foods are associated with monochromatic modern society, unique local foods nurture diverse special communities. Surely, the historically important role of shellfishing on the Vineyard has played a big part in shaping the present-day Islanders' reverence for and protection of the marine environment. The continued harvest and consumption of local seafood provides the communion with the sea that will preserve our local environment and cultural identity. In 2004 the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group continued its program to promote the well-being of the Island's shellfish and preserve our Island lifestyle.

Early in 2004, the Shellfish Group faced a budget crisis with the loss of over $45,000.00 in expected revenue due to the loss of state financial aid and funding support from the Town of Aquinnah. The financial shortfall was averted through the generous donation of $30,000.00 from an anonymous donor.

Highlights of our 2004 program follow:

Solar Shellfish Hatchery – In the 2004 culture season, we produced and distributed to the Towns 6 million seed quahogs and nearly 6 million seed scallops. The oyster population in Tisbury Great Pond was enhanced through the seeding of over 1 million seed oysters, over 1.5 million remote set eyed oyster larvae, and the release of over 110 million larvae and fertilized eggs. We produced nearly 1 million additional single seed oysters that were provided to the shellfish programs in Edgartown and Oak Bluffs and sold to private growers for growout on their farms.

Triploid Shellfish – We continued our cutting edge research with sterile triploid shellfish. Triploidy, a technology widely used in the production of seedless fruits and vegetables, imparts sterility to the oysters which promises to both improve the market quality of cultured oysters marketed during the summer spawning season and, also, protect the genetic composition of natural oyster populations by preventing cross fertilization with farmed strains. Working with the local shellfish farmers, we are conducting growth trials of triploid oysters and scallops to assess culture and market advantages. With funding from the Great Ponds Foundation we have deployed cages of diploid and triploid oysters in Edgartown Great Pond in a two-year study to determine if triploid shellfish have greater resistance to the oyster disease Dermo.

Oyster Disease Investigations – In 2004, oyster diseases negatively impacted both cultured and wild oyster populations on the Island. We continued to monitor the status of Dermo, an oyster disease infecting the local oysters in both Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds. A population of oysters in Edgartown Great Pond appears to be surviving the Dermo plague. We have used some of these surviving oysters as broodstock for the stock enhancement program in Tisbury Great Pond hoping that their offspring may have greater resistance to Dermo disease. We have continued to work with the private growers in Katama Bay in Edgartown to both identify the cause of Juvenile Oyster Disease (JOD) and come up with strategies to deal with the disease that has killed over 80% of the farmers' seed oysters. We have supplied weekly samples of the oysters to researchers at the University of Maine who are in the forefront of JOD research. A strain of oysters from a Maine hatchery appears to be resistant and we have recommended that the growers use it. Both JOD and Dermo are diseases of oysters and pose no threat to humans consuming the oysters.

Residential Environmental Education – As more of the Island is subdivided and developed, the actions of individual homeowners are having a greater impact on our water quality. If we are to protect our good water quality, it is imperative that homeowners in the watersheds of the ponds are good environmental stewards. Much environmental damage to our coastal waters results from ignorance. In conjunction with the Wampanoag Tribe, a number of the Island's pond associations, environmental groups and the local newspapers, we are working to produce and distribute an educational booklet aimed at Island homeowners. The public education campaign will inform residents of the environmental impacts of their daily activities - encouraging helpful behaviors and discouraging damaging ones. In July 2004, the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah secured a $25,000.00 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant for the project and we hope to distribute 27,000 copies of our booklet early next summer.

Promotion of Shellfish Aquaculture – Over the past year we continued to encourage, support and promote shellfish aquaculture as an ideal "green" industry for Martha's Vineyard. In 2004, we received a $4,000.00 grant from the M.V. Permanent Endowment Fund to provide technical support to the local shellfish farmers.

Think Locally and Act Globally – The Shellfish Group continues to post its work on the worldwide web

<www.mvshellfishgroup.org>. I continue to serve as Co-Chair of the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center. I am Industry Co-Chair and serve on the Executive Committee of the National Shellfisheries Association. I serve on the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Aquaculture Association and the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association. I am on the Board of Lagoon Pond Association and serve on the advisory boards of the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Squibnocket District Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. KARNEY
Shellfish Biologist/Director

SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2004

	TOWN	AMOUNT
Quahog Seed	Aquinnah	1,200,000
	Chilmark	1,200,000
	Edgartown	**1,200,000**
	Oak Bluffs	1,200,000
	Tisbury	1,200,000
	Total Quahogs	**6,000,000**

		From Tables and Nets	On Burlap (estimated)
Scallop Seed	Chilmark	187,500	1,300,000
	Edgartown	187,500	1,300,000
	Oak Bluffs	187,500	1,300,000
	Tisbury	187,500	1,300,000
	West Tisbury*	6,000	
		756,000	**5,200.000**

Total Scallops 5,956,000

Oyster Larvae	Chilmark & West Tisbury (Released in Tisbury Great Pond)	
	Fertilized eggs	85,800,000
	2 Day old larvae	12,300,000
	10 Day old larvae	2,040,000
	12 Day old larvae	4,215,000
	20 Day old larvae	2,015,000
	Eyed setting larvae	2,846,000
	West Tisbury (Remote Setting System)	1,560,000
	Total Oyster Larvae	**110,776,000**

Single Oyster Seed	Sold to Private Growers	**475,000**
	Edgartown*	**334,000**
	Oak Bluffs*	**150,000**
	West Tisbury	**1,008,000**
	Total Single Oysters	**1,967,000**

*Supplied in response to payments above town membership fees

HARBORMASTER/MARINA

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The following is the report for the 2004 season at the Oak Bluffs Marina, which officially ended on Tuesday, October 12th. The objective of this report is to assess the performance of the Marina in its latest season, and to identify goals for the organization in the coming year.

Current Year Financial Results - The Marina has posted a fifth consecutive year of record income. As of **11/15/04,** gross revenue was **$893,648.70** representing a **14%** or **$120,008.70** increase over the prior year. This is a result of a small per foot rate increase for transient slips and moorings, plus increased revenue from cruise ships. I would also like to think it was made possible by my excellent staff and me. Oak Bluffs Marina maintained a 99% retention rate from our employees this year. The Marina's seasonal staff again played a crucial role in this season's success. Each summer Oak Bluffs Marina hosts an estimated 10,000 boats for overnight dockage or moorings, and many more visit for the day. Having knowledgeable and well trained employees is key to a successful operation.

It is important to note that we achieved this increase with the same operating budget as the previous year.

There were a few additions to the Marina this year. Thanks to the efforts of George Fisher the Town now has an approved staging area for cruise ship tenders. This alone brought the Town an additional **$17,000** to date.

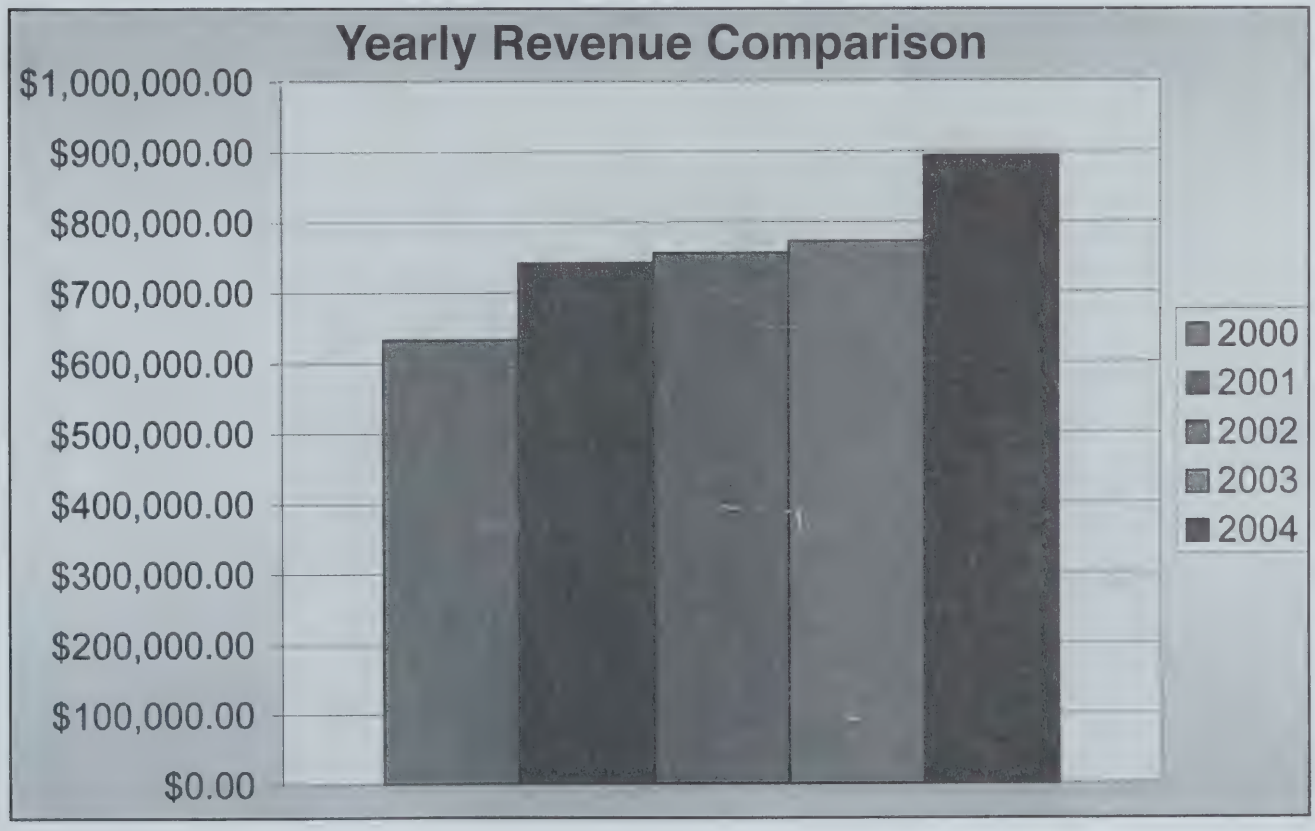
We now offer wireless internet access to all our customers in the harbor and surrounding area. This service is paid for by the individual either by an hourly, daily or weekly rate. The Town receives **80%** of this revenue. This new service began operation in September.

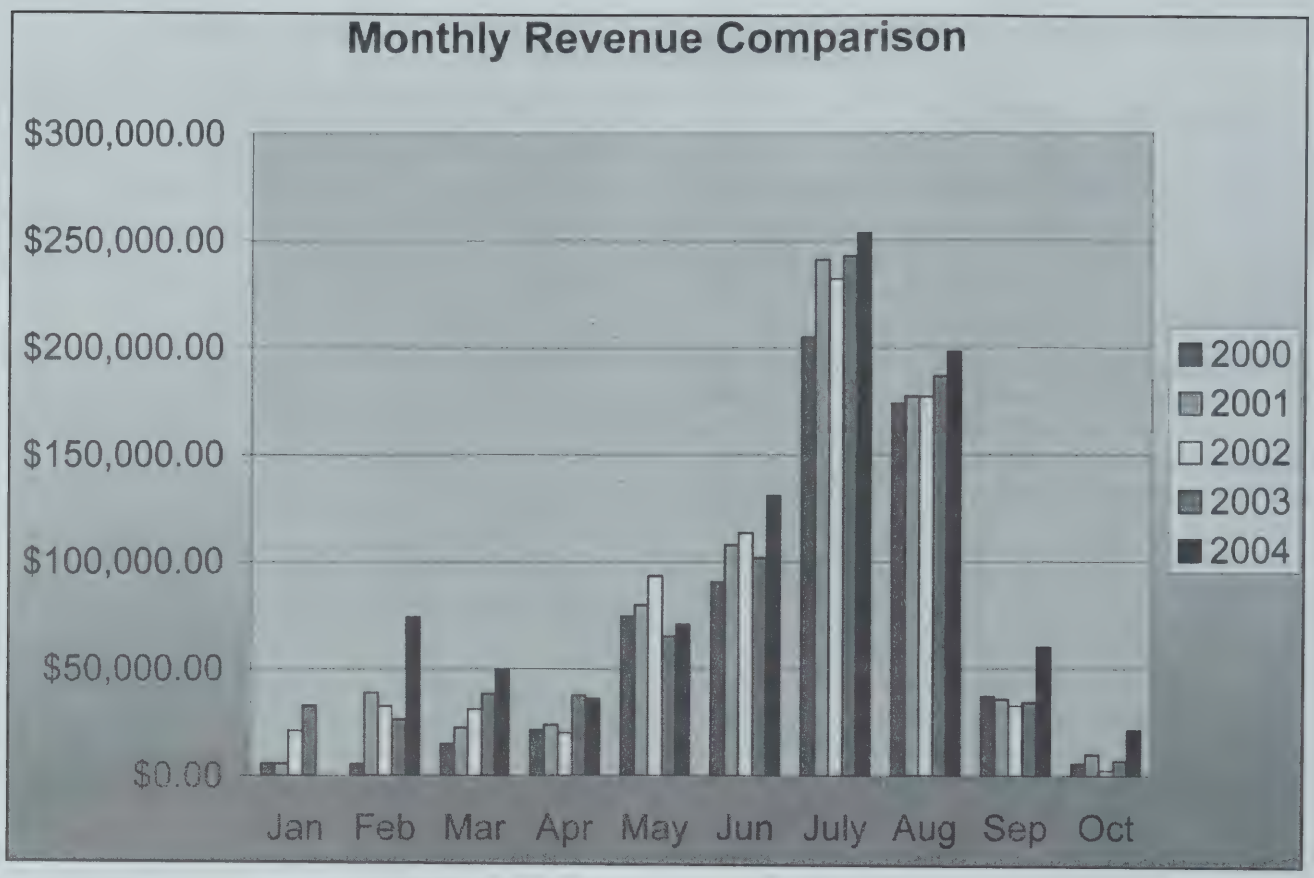
The new revolving fund took in $8,098 for this season. It is estimated that this will increase to $10,000 next season. Part of this money will be used for reconfiguring slips and other maintenance items around the harbor.

Off-season planning, strategic investment in infrastructure and personnel, and hard work by Marina staff were met with fair spring and fall weather, resulting in an excellent season. In the coming year, additional time and resources must be devoted to ongoing initiatives to maintain and improve the marina to ensure the Town maximizes the harbor's full potential. While we cannot expect the large increase in revenue we saw this past year, potential remains for the harbor to generate additional revenue, and contribute to efforts to bring additional, diversified revenue to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD ALEXANDER
Harbormaster




Monthly Revenue Comparison
$300,000.00
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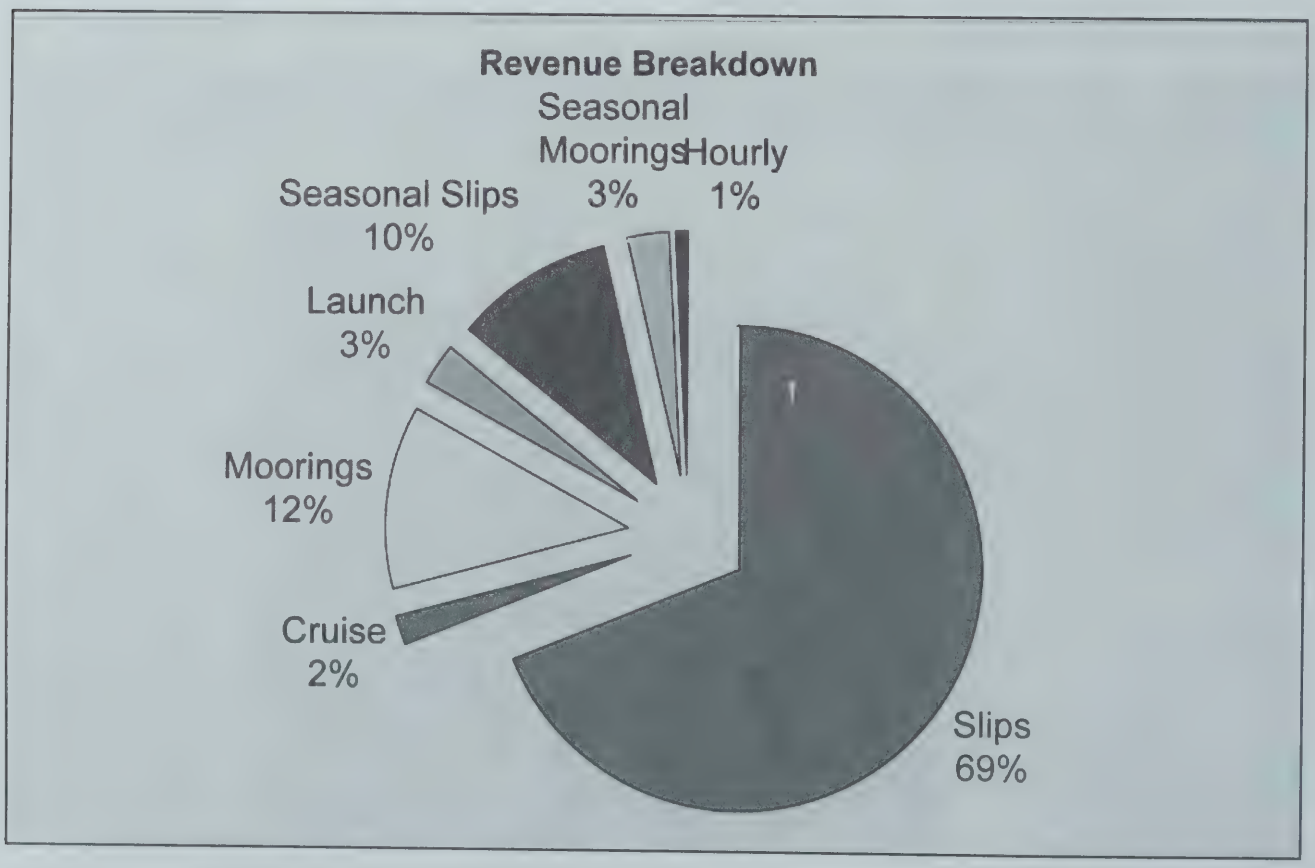

Revenue Breakdown
Seasonal Moorings 3%
Hourly 1%
Seasonal Slips 10%
Launch 3%
Moorings 12%
Cruise 2%
Slips 69%

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

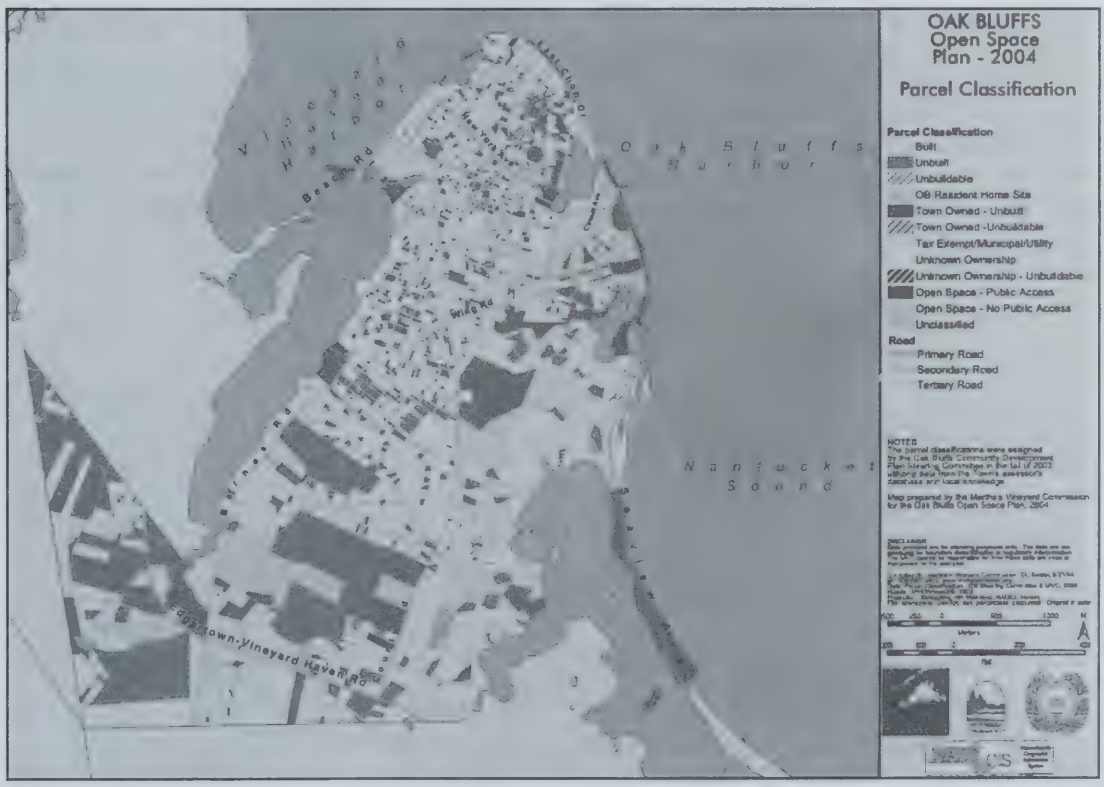
The Conservation Commission was at the forefront of two major town accomplishments in 2004: The 418 Community Development Plan project and the new Open Space & Recreation Plan, both of which were done in collaboration with the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

418 Community Development Plan: With funding from the state, a local steering committee mapped the Town according to current land uses and identified what land is most suitable for the following three uses: open space & recreation, housing, and economic development. The computerized maps and accompanying data and will help guide the town in long term land use planning. The final Community Development Plan report includes a set of land use planing goals that the Town has already begun to implement. Liz Durkee, the Conservation Commission administrator, was the Town liaison to the project consultants, the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

2004 Open Space & Recreation Plan: The maps and data developed for the Community Development Plan were also used to update the Town's Open Space & Recreation Plan. The plan benefits the town in many ways:

- It includes a detailed description of Oak Bluffs' natural resources
- It provides an overview of the current environmental health of Oak Bluffs
- It looks at land use & growth patterns with an eye toward open space & recreational needs
- It notes positive environmental, open space, and recreational achievements
- It pinpoints the community's open space, recreational and environmental needs
- It makes the town eligible for the state Self-Help program, and
- It concludes with a well-developed set of goals for improving the quality of life in Oak Bluffs by preserving and improving the Town's natural environmental and recreational facilities

Many goals in the plan have to do with the protection and improvement of surface and groundwater quality. One of the most important reasons for protecting open space is that natural, undevelopment land helps protect our water. A major goal for the Parks Commission is the revitalization of the Old Pay Beach, and the Self-Help grant program may be a source of funding for that and other projects. The plan, which must be written in accordance with state guidelines, is valid for five years.



Meanwhile, **the Commissions primary responsibilities are threefold:**

1) **Administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Oak Bluffs General Wetlands Bylaw**
2) **Open Space Planning, acquisition and management**
3) **Environmental Education**

2004 accomplishments include:

- Assisting waterfront property owners develop **vegetation management plans,** because vegetated buffer zones of appropriate plants help filter pollutants, absorb flood waters, and control erosion.
- Managing the **Sailing Camp Park** 15+ acres of Town-owned open space property on Lagoon Pond. The park is and beach are open to the public and the mainstay building, in addition to being rented to the public for weddings and other functions, is used in summer by the Island Theatre Workshop and the Vineyard Haven Band. The Sail Martha's Vineyard program operates a children's sailing program on the beach.
- Supporting the West Tisbury Conservation Commission's successful effort to gain town approval of a local wetlands bylaw
- Meeting informally with **realtors, landscapers and property owners**, to **educate and advise** them on rules and regulations for projects in coastal resource areas
- Working with the Steamship Authority on wetlands and floodplain issues concerning proposed renovation/expansion of terminal area and pier
- Working on **water quality and wetlands protection projects** with: the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, the Environmental Booklet Group, The Friends of Sengekontacket, the East Chop Association, the Lagoon Pond Association, the All Island Conservation Commission, the 418 Community Development Plan steering committee, and the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Any activity that removes, fills, or alters land at or near any wetlands, coastal banks, beaches, dunes and flood zones requires a permit from the Conservation Commission. The Commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN HUGHES, Chairman
BOB FORD, Vice Chairman
PAUL STRAUSS
MARK WALLACE
JOHN BRECKENRIDGE
JOHN BOARDMAN
SALLY WILLIAMS

VARNUM MEAD, Associate Member
LIZ DURKEE, Administrator
CHUCK DOWNING, Sailing Camp Park Manager

Oak Bluffs 418 Community Development Plan Steering Committee:
Renee Balter, Harvey Beth, John Bradford, Greg Coogan, Bob Ford, Hap Hamel, Joan Hughes, Bob Huss, Nancy Ross, Casey Sharpe, Paul Strauss, Priscilla Sylvia, Richard Toole, Dianne Wilson, Liz Durkee with special thanks to the **Martha's Vineyard Commission** staff.

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is our pleasure to submit the annual report of the Oak Bluffs Park and Recreation Department.

Park Foreman James Tripp continued cleaning and brush cutting various parks around Town including Naushon and Washington Parks and the park land off Lagoon Road. The summer recreation program was again run by Jimmy Maseda with both swimming and basketball classes.

New playground equipment was installed at Niantic Park with Town funds and donations from both M. V. Rotary and Farm Neck. There will be an official opening in the spring of 2005. After lengthy discussion, it was decided not to let BMX bicycles into the M. V. Skate Park. In July, Circus Smirkus put up their tent in Waban Park to the enjoyment of many locals and visitors alike. The Conservation Commission worked hard on the updated Open Space Plan for the Town and we thank Liz Durkee for her hard work.

The Park Commissioners have been working with the Board of Selectmen to bring articles to Town meeting to officially designate Town owned land into permanent protection as Town parks. We would like to thank Town Administrator Casey Sharpe, the Board of Selectmen's office and the Highway Department for all their help in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD COMBRA, JR., Chairman
ALLAN A. DEBETTENCOURT
MICHAEL MARCHAND

EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Diane Wall, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency
Union #19 School Committee

Dear Ms. Wall:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools to you and to the individual members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS).

Although changes have occurred in the administration of our schools and in the superintendency this year, the system has continued to function well remaining committed to a high quality educational experience for all children.

New principals assumed their duties in the Up-Island Regional School District in Chilmark and West Tisbury. Both Diane Gandy (Chilmark) and Michael Halt (West Tisbury) were hired to one-year positions, as a result of late resignations from the previous principals in both schools. Change is never easy, especially when it occurs without planning, but these administrators and their staffs have collectively done a fine job maintaining quality education in their individual schools. Both administrators have accepted contracts for the next two years and that stability and continuity of personnel should continue to improve the already fine school systems.

In October, Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent for the last ten years, left to assume the position of Chief of Accountability and System-wide Performance of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Miami, Florida. Dr. Cash successfully navigated the system through a decade of educational reform.

Upon the departure of Dr. Cash, our island school system was immediately in need of a Superintendent to legally assume the duties and responsibilities of this position. The All Island School Committee developed a plan to appoint a certified individual from our administrative cabinet to this position for three months to maintain the system while a more "in depth" search could occur for an interim superintendent for the last half of the school year. At the same time, a full search for a permanent superintendent was organized by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees which would conclude its process with the appointment of a new permanent Superintendent by July 1, 2005. Ed Jerome, Principal of the Edgartown School, assumed the first interim position and Dr. G. Paul Dulac assumed the second interim position effective January 17th, 2005. Despite what on the surface seemed to be a complex approach, the school system, the administrative team, and the school committees have all operated smoothly and effectively.

Educators outside of our system have always expressed their amazement at the higher caliber of programs and exceptional performance of our students despite the impact of living on a geographically isolated island. High student performance continues to be the hallmark of all schools of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. By the time our elementary students leave eighth grade they possess a strong educational foundation ready to take advantage of the comprehensive programs offered at our regional high school. Upon the graduation of high school, our students are well prepared to face the challenges of continued education and careers both on and off island.

The measure of a quality school is not solely that of high student achievement, although it is an important component of education today. Across all island schools, our students continue to demonstrate impressive achievement in all measurable areas as individuals and as school systems.

78% of our graduating seniors attended programs last year at colleges and universities or in a continuing educational program. This year, 23 high school students earned the designation of AP Scholars by the College Board for exceptional achievement and student SAT scores continue to rise to new highs. This year 49 seniors qualified for the first John and Abigail Adams state tuition free scholarship to Massachusetts operated colleges and universities. Elementary schools continue to outdistance other elementary schools in the state MCAS assessments including a number one ranking for seventh grade students in science at the West Tisbury School. All elementary schools, despite longstanding high performance in these assessments, continue to meet annual yearly progress targets for improvement established for each school by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

As important as these student achievement indicators are, it is equally important that we never lose sight of our primary goal to raise mature and caring citizens for the future of this country.

Diversity in our schools continue to grow. As of January 1, 2005, 12% of our total student population speak Spanish, French, Hebrew, Vietnamese and Portuguese as their first language. Portuguese alone makes up 99% of this group. To meet the needs of these students there are five full time teachers, one full time aid, and two half time aides and a program coordinator servicing this population across all of our schools.

Students are exposed to a multitude of activities that enrich their lives, stretch their minds, and often light a fire for further education and future careers. Programs in farm education, wildlife and natural resources, ballet, solar energy, the arts, instrumental and vocal music, athletics, after school activities, community service, foreign travel, and enrichment programs are but a few of the programs available to all students. Activities and programs like this, add to the comprehensiveness of our school system. If you have ever attended an elementary school play, an evening musical performance, the Vineyard/Nantucket football game, or a Minnesingers performance at the Old Whaling Church, then it is easy to see the impact and importance these programs have on our children's lives and that of our community.

This year many of these programs were supported by grants totaling 2.5 million dollars. Staff members and the island community are to be commended for their effort to obtain this additional funding that contributes to the operation of many of these outstanding student programs.

There are many examples this year that emphasize the quality of our young people and that of our teaching staff. Lisa Knight, high school teacher, was named a recipient of the Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award. Each year only four recipients in the state receive this prestigious recognition. High school cross country coach, Joe Schroeder, was selected as Coach of the Year on the Cape and Islands and the highlight of the year in athletics occurred when all 20 athletic programs at the high school received one of eight state awards for sportsmanship.

Junior High School football coaches and players received high praise from parents of opponents when they put the self-esteem of a special needs student on the opposing team ahead of whether one wins or loses. What better gift can we give a student who experienced the meaning of giving created through our community service programs? How does one measure the impact of a teacher on a student's life when a young island soldier, returning home from Iraq to recover from wounds sustained while on duty, comes to school to see his favorite teacher and talk of his experience? These are the intangible aspects of teaching that make a good school system an exceptional one.

During the next five years, we anticipate a drop in student population as smaller Kindergarten classes enter and larger graduating senior classes depart. During the past ten years, our student population has remained fairly constant and, in fact, this year it is only 14 students higher than in 1995.

Schools have always been a mirror of a community. The overall quality of a school is truly connected to the values of those individuals who live in that community. This year alone, $654,000 in scholarships was raised and distributed by island individuals, groups and organizations to worthy graduating seniors.

The Island communities, their Selectmen, and Financial Advisory Committees should be commended for their ability to skillfully balance the difficult task of providing necessary and important services to their constituents, and at the same time, commit to a quality education for the children of Martha's Vineyard. We all know the cost of living on this island is not inexpensive, to say the least, and it has a dramatic impact on the successful operation of our school system.

On behalf of the entire school community and the island school committees, I would like to thank those staff members retiring this year for their commitment and effort that has contributed to the success of our island school system. They are: Nancy Abbott (28 years) from the Edgartown School; Lloyd Henke (19 years), Cornelia A. Campbell (30 years), and Diane Redshaw Sylvia (19 years) from the MVRHS; Nancy Meekins (30 years) from the Oak Bluffs School; and Mo Bresnahan (34 years) and Emily Broderick (27 years and 1 year Curriculum Director) from the Tisbury School; Richard Goodell (33 years), and Martha Stackpole (21 years) from the West Tisbury School; and our own dear Jacklyn Dawley (10 years) from the Superintendent's Office.

In closing, I would like to commend the members of the island school committees for their tremendous effort and commitment to children that they demonstrate day after day, and night meeting after night meeting, throughout the year. Their efforts for the well-being of our children are immeasurable.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. JEROME
Superintendent of Schools

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Edward J. Jerome
Interim Superintendent
RR2 Box 261
Charles E. Downs Building
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Mr. Jerome:

Once again, we thank all of the towns for their generosity to the students at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. Without their support, our high school would not be able to offer all of the fine academic and extracurricular programs we have. As principal of the high school, I would like to share with you some of the highlights of the past year.

MVRHS has exceeded all of our Annual Yearly Progress targets for participation, academic performance, improvement and test scores for the state department of education. 69% of our students scored in the advanced and proficient categories in mathematics; 66% in English Language Arts. In SAT scores, the class of 2004 received the highest scores yet with math and English well above the state and national averages. Advanced Placement test scores were also excellent for last year's senior class.

In journalism our students attended the New England Scholastic Press Association Conference at Boston University. The program offers journalism awards for excellence in scholastic writing, editing and publishing. Our student paper earned the New England Scholastic Press Association's "Highest Achievement Award" in Division II in Massachusetts. Ashleigh Poirier, Elliott Vecchia, Joe Grillo, Simone McCarthy and Isabelle Lew won individual "special achievement" awards.

The MVRHS athletic program experienced another successful year in 2004. Although there were no State Championships, SuperBowls, or even deep advances in the State Tournament, there certainly were some significant areas of recognition for the MVRHS athletic program. Sportsmanship was the key word for our programs as both our Boys Basketball and our Cross Country teams were individually singled out for being exemplary in this most important facet of interscholastic athletics. The ultimate honor for all 20 of our programs was when MVRHS was awarded the MIAA District D Sportsmanship Award at the 10th Annual Sportsmanship Summit, an event attended by over 600 student-athletes, coaches, and administrators. District D is made up of 39 schools from the Mayflower League, Eastern Athletic Conference, South Coast Conference, and Lighthouse League. To be one of only eight recipients of this award throughout the entire state is an accomplishment that our entire community can be proud of.

The Boys Ice Hockey team qualified for the MIAA State Tournament in the winter season, while the Boys Tennis and Boys Lacrosse teams managed to do the same in the spring. The most successful season was the fall season, however, as the Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, Boys and Girls Cross Country, and Golf teams all had winning seasons and moved on to tournament play. And who could forget the thrilling, one-point, last second football victory over archrival Nantucket, which allowed us to retain possession of the Island Cup!

In other student activities, we had a very successful exchange between the Minnesingers and Exeter School, England last April. Students in the Performing Arts Department participated in the All-Cape Festival, the Southeast District Festival and the All-State Festival at Symphony Hall. Jesse Wiener's composition was one of only three presented to the Music Educator's All-State Conference. In our fourth annual All-Island Choral Festival, we were graced with the a cappella group Five O'Clock Shadow. Our string quartet performed around the community and for senior citizen luncheons in culinary.

In the February 2004 Science Fair 170 students registered with many students continuing on the the regional fair in March.

In the class of 2004, fourteen graduating seniors went on to fulltime Art, Design and Media related colleges and universities. Seven out of nine art entries last year received awards at the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards. The Art and Design Department's Chris Baer received a $30,000 state grant that provided equipment and professional development for teachers and students in digital media and related fields.

The high school offers a new program through Virtual High School, which allows students to take courses in a variety of electives on line. Bill McGrath teaches Advanced Placement Statistics as part of this program and Jacquie Callahan enrolls and supervises the students who enroll in these classes. Our Automotive program received its National Certification.

Teachers have also been busy with an impressive array of professional activities. Jeff Caruthers has been training teachers in all the schools on the Island in de-escalation and restraint techniques. Sandy Mott traveled to London and took a graduate course on "Differentiation in Learning." She also attended the Massachusetts School Library Media Association conference in Sturbridge. Shauna Nute has begun her CAGS degree at Bridgewater State. Bill McCarthy was National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar on Russian Literature. John Tirrell traveled to England last summer and participated in a writing theater program at Stratford. Annette Sandrock

matriculated at Cambridge College and has completed a graduate course at Providence College on Strategies and principles of Second Language Acquisition. Dan Sharkovitz, Jacquie Callahan, Matt Malowski, Diane Sylvia and Margaret Stafursky have all participated in the English as Second Language Training offered by Karen Karten. Diane has also been invited to develop the MCAS exam for the new 7th grade assessment. Peggy Isham traveled to Washington, D.C. to the Library of Congress to study primary works as part of her studies in literature and history. Lynn Ditchfield attended the National Gallery of Art Institute focusing on Storytelling. She is presently teaching a course through Fitchburg State College on Critical and Creative Integration of Arts and Media to teachers. Natalie Munn, Ph.D. represents the high school on the Martha's Vineyard Environmental Education Alliance. She also sponsors the very successful science fair each February. Corinne Kurtz traveled to Mexico as part of her masters degree in creative writing. Jim Powell and Keith Dodge both completed their masters in education. Jeffrey Canha has enrolled in Eastern New Mexico University. Five department chairs earned their administrative degrees - Doug DeBettencourt, Dr. Jim Kresel, and Janis Wightman. Sheila Fridman took graduate courses in both Integrating the Arts in the Curriculum as well as a Second Language Acquisition. Dianne McDonough took a course on "Helping Children Achieve Healthy Weight: A Conference on the Prevention of Obesity in Children and Adolescents." Gary Simmons has designed a new circuit training for fitness in Physical Education classes after taking a course at Northeastern last spring. Elaine Weintraub received a grant to write a book on the African American Heritage Trail. She also attended a workshop with Danielle Garcia on assessing student work.

It is our privilege to educate and serve the community's teens at MVRHS.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET "PEG" REGAN
Principal

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Director of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2004:

Statement of Net Assets
Statement of Activities
Government Funds Balance Sheet
Government Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
General Fund Statement of Revenues Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances (Budget and Actual)
Statement of Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Primary Government Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and short-term investments	$ 2,495,331
Investments	296,102
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	526,438
Due from Agency Funds	136,733
Total Current Assets	3,454,604
Noncurrent Assets:	
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	7,154,309
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	18,853,714
Total Noncurrent Assets	26,008,023
Total Assets	29,462,627
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	386,673
Accrued payroll	703,182
Other liabilities	5,885
Abandoned property	24,665
Long-term bonds and notes payable	1,250,000
Total Current Liabilities	2,370,405
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Long-term bonds and notes payable	9,875,000
Total Liabilities	12,245,405

NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	15,409,461
Restricted for:	
Reduction of member town assessments	418,222
Student Activities	78,245
Other purposes	123,920
Unrestricted	1,187,374
Total Net Assets	$17,217,222

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

		Program Revenues		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense)/ Revenue
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	$ 5,219,019	$ 33,711	$ 890,985	$ (4,294,323)
Special Education	2,142,174	5,773	677,743	(1,458,658)
Vocational	522,582	60,380	49,643	(412,559)
Other	218,905	22,983	300	(195,622)
Support Services:				
Pupil	1,599,322	42,239	69,987	(1,487,096)
Instructional	764,137	-	375,120	(389,017)
Administrative	1,743,332	461	90,701	(1,652,170)
Business	99,140	-	-	(99,140)
Building and grounds	612,471	7,955	7,469	(597,047)
Transportation	1,011,662	334,900	391,297	(285,465)
Food	331,944	303,198	24,635	(4,111)
Community Services	531,652	1,365	501,907	(28,380)
Student Activities	165,600	170,495	-	4,895
State Assessments:	466,062	-	20,552	(445,510)
Unallocated depreciation	556,656	-	-	(556,656)
Debt Service - Interest	575,479	-	368,624	(206,855)
Total governmental activities	$16,560,137	$ 983,460	$ 3,468,963	$(12,107,714)

General Revenues:	
Member town assessments	$ 9,840,686
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	2,631,535
Unrestricted investment income	28,065
Other	1,472
Total general revenues	12,501,758
Change in net assets	394,044
Net Assets - beginning of year	16,823,178
Net Assets - end of year	$17,217,222

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	General	Non major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Short-Term Investments	$ 1,784,576	$ 710,755	$ 2,495,331
Investments	296,102	-	296,102
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Intergovernmental	7,680,747	-	7,680,747
Due from Agency Funds	136,733	-	136,733
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 9,898,158	$ 710,755	$ 10,608,913
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES:			
Warrants Payable	$ 209,754	$ 176,919	$ 386,673
Accrued payroll	657,067	46,126	703,182
Other liabilities	5,885	-	5,885
Abandoned property	24,664	-	24,665
Deferred revenues	7,680,747	-	7,680,747
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 8,578,107	$ 223,045	$ 8,801,152
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for:			
Reduction of member town assessments	$ 418,222	$ 0	$ 418,222
Employee benefits	3,045	0	3,045
Student Activities	-	78,245	78,245
Other specific purposes	-	123,920	123,920
Unreserved:			-
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	141,500	-	141,500
Undesignated, reported in:			-
General Fund	757,284		757,284
Special revenue funds		244,935	244,935
Capital projects funds		40,610	40,610
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	$ 1,320,051	$ 487,710	$ 1,807,761
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 9,898,158	$ 710,755	$ 10,608,913

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	General	Non major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Member town assessments	$ 9,840,686	$ -	$ 9,840,686
User fees	163,627	724,073	887,700
Lease revenue	210,000	-	210,000
Intergovernmental:			-
State Aid-foundation	2,631,535	-	2,631,535
State Aid-transportation	383,519	-	383,519
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	862,489	-	862,489
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	20,552	-	20,552
Other state and federal grants	674,000	1,868,974	2,542,974
Departmental	27,606	8,960	36,566
Contributions and donations	-	1,410	1,410
Investment income	28,478	2,137	30,615
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 14,842,492	$ 2,605,544	$ 17,448,046
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	3,611,100	503,781	4,114,881
Special Education	1,180,508	679,888	1,860,396
Vocational	342,070	22,954	365,024
Other	189,748	14,076	203,824
Support Services:			-
Pupil	1,222,116	86,610	1,308,726
Instructional	265,361	406,763	672,124
Administration	1,222,921	2,799	1,225,720
Business	99,140	-	99,140
Building and Grounds	585,787	18,446	604,233
Transportation	829,335	-	829,335
Food	-	331,944	331,944
Community services	-	502,018	502,018
Student Activities	-	165,600	165,600
Pension Benefits	844,854	-	844,854
Employee Benefits	1,306,825	-	1,306,825
Property and Liability Insurance	166,436	-	166,436
State Assessments:			-
Charter School	466,062	-	466,062
Capital Outlay	40,794	-	40,794

	General	Non major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Debt service-Principal	1,250,000	-	1,250,000
Debt service-Interest	575,479	-	575,479
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,198,536	2,734,879	16,933,415
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES:	643,956	(129,325)	514,631
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfer in	-	28,596	28,596
Operating transfer out	(28,596)	-	(28,596)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	(28,596)	28,596	-
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	615,360	(100,729)	514,631
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	704,691	588,439	1,293,130
FUND BALANCES End of year	$ 1,320,051	$ 487,710	$ 1,807,761

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
ADDITIONS	
Contributions:	
Private donations	$ 32,410
Net investment income	
Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments	(7,496)
Interest	7,681
Total investment income (loss)	185
TOTAL ADDITIONS	32,595
DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarship awarded	34,742
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(2,147)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	725,508
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	723,361

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and short-term investment	$ 745,262	$ -
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:		
Intergovernmental	-	329,436
Total Assets	745,262	329,436
LIABILITIES		
Warrants Payable	25,901	65,698
Accrued payroll	-	75,178
Other liabilities	-	51,827
Due to general fund	-	136,733
Total Liabilities	21,901	329,436
NET ASSETS		
Held in trust for other purposes	723,361	-

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dr. Paul Dulac
Superintendent of Schools
RR2, Box 261
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Dulac,

Once again, I am pleased to provide you with my report on the state of the Oak Bluffs School for the 2004-2005 school year.

The staff at the Oak Bluffs School continues to work hard on our goals and mission, while being responsive to the many and varied needs of the children and school community it serves. Our chief academic pursuit is the ongoing improvement of our curriculum & instruction, enhanced student achievement & assessment, and continuing professional development. As our annual Town Meeting approaches, we seek to build upon our many successes and achievements through the maintenance of the school's essential and exceptional programs.

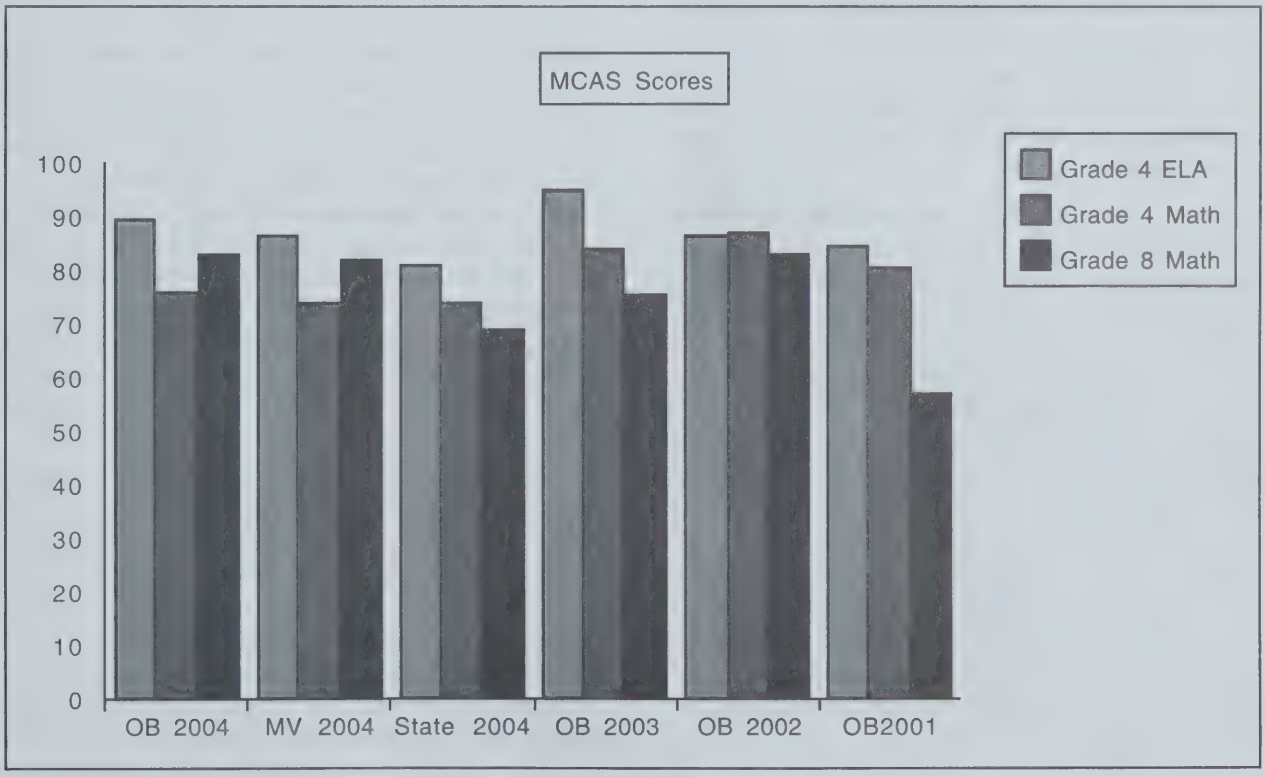
Though our expanding school population seems to have crested over the last several years, (current enrollment is 426), as this school year began, we were surprised to see an increase of fourteen students. This was most evident in our incoming kindergarten, which saw an increase of thirteen students (current kindergarten 56).

The state's Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) continues to be a significant measure of student and school district achievement. Test results reported in September for administration of the MCAS last May showed that the Oak Bluffs School, once again, received excellent scores in each of the three academic domains assessed (English/Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science). Most significantly, these scores represent an improvement trend in our students' overall performance that demonstrates that the school continues to challenge students at their levels of need by providing high quality instruction each day.

As the charts below demonstrate, our school's rate of achievement, which is portrayed through the state's system for grading schools called the **Proficiency Index (PI)**, showed significant (4.7%) improvement in English/Language Arts (ELA) from 2003 to 2004. This **PI** index represents the percentage (%) of students in any one school who score in either the advanced or proficient ranges on the MCAS. Last year, in the eight categories in which the Oak Bluffs School was tested, our students **PI** was 85.4 %, compared to the state average of 74.8 % (and an island PI average of 84%). The Oak Bluffs School also had a 97.2 % attendance record, an improvement of 2.9 %.

Strengths were noted in several specific areas including:

* An overall English/Language Arts (ELA) **PI** of 91.5 %, a 4.7 % improvement from 2003.
* Having no failures in 5th grade Science (91.5% PI).
* A 73.7% **PI** for all special needs students (compared to a state **PI** of 55.1%).



Most importantly, one of the more important things that we have learned from this testing data is that there are areas of math instruction that need to be assessed and modified. The Oak Bluffs teaching staff continually seeks to improve upon their instructional practice, and through our own professional development activities we are currently working to better develop those areas, especially in math, where student achievement was low.

A major focus in today's education environment is the US government's No Child Left Behind Act. Our performance in the MCAS tests shows once more that the Oak Bluffs School has clearly met the law's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standard.

In addition, the improvement of every student's social achievement and skills, aptly applied in the school's social curriculum, remains a major objective for us. These goals loom as crucial targets in the school's mission to meet both the state's mandates for student performance and achievement, as well as to prepare the children of Oak Bluffs for the new world that awaits them in this new century. For the last several years, the Oak Bluffs School has practiced aspects of social curricula through a model called the *Responsive Classroom*. This year, along with three other schools on the island, we have strengthened our use of this model by taking part in a comprehensive training program, in which two teachers in our building are being trained as "teacher leaders" who will provide staff development for all members of the adult community. We have contracted with an on-site consultant for five visits this year and five more next year to help us with this professional training. With this professional development goal as a basis, the Oak Bluffs School is moving toward becoming a genuine *Responsive Classroom* school, in which its policies and practices regarding student AND adult behavior is guided by the tenets of this important social curriculum.

With this principle in mind, the staff at the Oak Bluffs School continue to build a school culture that reflects teaching and learning applied to all students in all grades across all curriculum areas, collegiality, fairness, equity and success. We continue to analyze the contexts and constructs for learning in the important areas of curriculum & instruction, achievement & assessment, and professional development, adapting what makes sense and leaving behind what doesn't. We are engaged in an all-island initiative regarding the "mapping" of our curriculum to insure consistent coverage and alignment with state standards. And, although the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests continue to be a significant and clear priority for the school, we continue to recognize the importance of shared understanding and mutual responsibility for educating the "whole child" as well.

Our professional development of teachers and staff here at Oak Bluffs is focusing on teachers learning what they need to know to help underachieving students. For the last several years, through a Comprehensive School Reform grant, we have used a professional development program called The Learning Network (TLN) model of school improvement. This model has as its goal the development of an Oak Bluffs School faculty which works together on a path of continual professional improvement. Through this model, the school attempts to improve upon traditional models of support to and supervision of teachers in which instructional staff are provided with consistent, on-going peer support and professional development. The model is designed to redefine good classroom practice, establish a common language for all staff, and build instructional consistency across grade levels and throughout the curriculum.

Our fine arts programs provide students with experiences in music, home arts, woodworking, art and dance. The school's drama department put on two musical productions last year for the school community. Our annual talent show displays the special gifts and skills of over eighty of our students each year. And our sports and physical education programs provide exercise and skill-building activities, both competitive and noncompetitive for all students.

With the observance of the school's tenth year of operation, we are addressing maintenance issues which are associated with this anniversary. At the last special town meeting, the town appropriated $38,500 for the purpose of repairing portions of the school's roof, chimney and gutters. As part of our five year plan for maintaining this wonderful facility, the Oak Bluffs School has put in place mechanisms for the provision of a comprehensive energy and water conservation audit and facilities improvement services this spring. The primary goal is to reduce energy and water consumption associated with the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, building envelope, domestic hot water systems, and other energy and water using devices in use, and and to utilize the savings to pay for the associated improvements. As a result of this energy conservation audit and report, we are anticipating the comprehensive design, installation, and improvement of existing and new equipment, particularly in our HVAC systems.

Since last summer we have been working diligently on improving this system. In January of 2005, we contracted with Cape Light Compact and RISE Engineering for a complete installation of lights and lighting fixtures that is estimated to save the school thousands of dollars in lighting and energy costs. Other maintenance issues we continue to explore include a complete assessment and evaluation of the building locks, carpets, the fire alarm system, roof and gutters, and the school's chimney.

As in past years, we have hired several new staff to classroom positions. We have been extremely fortunate to have attracted highly qualified and dynamic teachers to fill these positions. Our new and reassigned teaching staff this year are as follows:

Position	New Teacher
Grade Seven ELA	**Holly Thomas**
Assistant	**Elizabeth Forns**
Assistant	**Kara Gelinas**
Assistant	**Kim Todd**
Assistant	**Hope deBettencourt**
Assistant	**Kim Carlos**
Crossing Guard	**Linda Marinelli**
Instrumental	**Zach Tileston**

The role of our School Advisory Council (SAC) in guiding our school improvement efforts continues to be important. We have reviewed and revised our school improvement (SIP) goals for this past year, especially those regarding student achievement in literacy and assessment, our work in Science instruction, the implementation of a plan for professional growth and development, and improving how we provide enrichment in curriculum and instruction to all of our students. We also added a goal for increasing meaningful parent and community involvement this year.

Our ESL (English as a Second Language) program continues to address the complex and significant ESL population at the Oak Bluffs School. We currently provide these services to thirty-nine students under the direction and supervision of **Rae Carter**, with consultation and support from the district's ESL coordinator, **Karen Karten**. Under new state guidelines, the Oak Bluffs School is required to provide "sheltered immersion" instruction to those students with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Coping with these new requirements continues to be a huge challenge for us.

The **Oak Bluffs School Committee** continues to promote responsible governance and advocation for the best interests of the children of this fine town. And, the **Oak Bluffs PTO** continues to be an active, engaged and articulate parent/community body.

Finally, I wish to thank you, the residents and taxpayers of Oak Bluffs, for your continuing support and understanding regarding the direction the Oak Bluffs School takes.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURY BINNEY, Principal

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Joan Desautelle, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Oak Bluffs Public Library
P. O. Box 2039
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557-2039

Dear Joan,

2004 was an amazing and terrific year. The new building project became a reality. CLAMS made several software upgrades for the automated network, some noticeable to library users, like the look of the online catalog and the ability to reserve new items as soon as they are ordered, and others that improve service behind the scenes. The Massachusetts Virtual Catalog of materials in automated libraries throughout the state became available. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Public Library Project updated our entire public access computer service with Windows XP software. Newspapers published pictures of several of our varied children's programs. Circulation has increased 87% in the 10 years since 1994. This is largely due to our membership in CLAMS making many more materials available. There are about 19,000 items in the OBPL, and 63 periodical subscriptions. Over 7,000 library members borrowed over 67,000 items. We borrowed 5,943 items from, and loaned 3,891 to, CLAMS libraries. Approximately 63,640 people came into the library, a 19% increase since we began keeping records in 2000. (Please refer to charts at the end of this report.)

NEW BUILDING PROJECT

On January 15, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) announced that a grant of $1,590,646.00 awarded to the Town in 2002 had been released by Governor Romney and the legislature. Selectman Richard D. Combra and other Town officials signed the MBLC contract March 4. Barr Construction, Inc., of Putney, CT, was awarded the construction contract. On beautiful sunny April 30th over 200 people attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony held at the new library site at 56R School Street. Speakers included Senator Robert O'Leary, Representative Eric Turkington, MBLC Commissioner Deborah Bornheimer, and Selectman Gregory Coogan. The Oak Bluffs School Band played.

In May after construction began, the Capital Campaign Committee with the town's cooperation set up a website at **<newoakbluffslibrary.org>**. At this site you can keep up with building developments and see the actual construction progress from a webcam on Town Hall.

In July, representatives from the Building Committee made a very worthwhile field trip to the Blackstone Valley Public Library that Barr Construction, Inc., had completed just prior to beginning construction of the new OBPL. We also visited the Wareham Public Library which was designed by our architect, Kenneth MacLean.

In August, the Board of Trustees appointed an Interior Design Committee that met twice a month throughout the fall with our other architect and interior designer, Stephanie Mashek. By the end of the year they had selected most colors and styles for the building's furnishings and decor.

"The World-Renowned Oak Bluffs Public Library" was a phrase coined by Karen MacDowell McKay about three years ago in recognition of the wide range of services provided to Oak Bluffs and summer residents, and to people from around the world including other islanders, seasonal employees, immigrants, day visitors including those from cruise liners and bus tours, and serendipitous contacts such as the phone call from an Englishman who wanted to visit the Island and couldn't reach the Chamber of Commerce. We sent him local information and he sent us a visitors' brochure from Abingdon-on-Thames. In the new OBPL we will be able to continue and expand this quality of service.

PROGRAMS

One Book - One Island

For the third year, the OBPL helped plan and promote the "One Book - One Island" (OB-OI) program along with the Martha's Vineyard Library Association (MVLA) and island bookstores. The intent of the program is to have all islanders read the same books and join together in a series of related discussions and events. The 2004 books were The Buffalo Soldier by Chris Bohjalian and, for younger readers, The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis.

Children's Programming

In 2004, weekly preschool storytimes were often followed by seasonal craft-making. OBPL's participation in the Martha's Vineyard Library Association Children's Committee (MVLACC), which meets monthly to plan cooperative programs, allowed us to supplement regular programming. These included visits from storybook characters Madeline, Pippi Longstocking, and Lyle the Crocodile to the delight of readers of all ages, especially our younger library users. Oak Bluffs School Media Specialist Pamela Melrose worked with us so that the characters appeared at the school as well, where more children had the opportunity to meet them, shake their hands, or even give them a hug if they were brave enough!

Other MVLACC programs included the performance by the Fabulists of an original children's play called "Joey's Pig" at the Vineyard Playhouse and magician Scott Jameson at the Chilmark Community Center. These well-attended shows were big hits.

February featured an all-ages Valentine-making workshop, attended by people from ages 3 to 78! Valentine-makers came up with very creative uses of the supplies provided.

We like to collaborate with the schools whenever possible to promote reading and the use of library resources. Several teachers brought their classes from the Oak Bluffs School and the Charter School on field trips.

Summer Reading Program

The MVLACC cooperated in planning an Island-wide SRP kick-off to each library's program of summer events. July 3rd Bill Ross appeared at the Agricultural Hall doing his zany celebration of books and reading. They also collaborated on the creation of SRP T-shirts.

The Oak Bluffs Summer Reading Program led by Sally Barkan and Eve Heyman incorporated the statewide theme "Explore Other Worlds @ Your Library" and used stories and crafts from around the world. It was huge fun for all. Eighty-five registered participants in three different age-groups: 3-5 year-olds, 6-8 year-olds, and 9 years & Up met weekly for six weeks in July and August.

Also as part of the Oak Bluffs SRP, kids who read at home on their own told us about the books they'd read each week before they picked a coupon good for treats from local merchants. We're grateful to the following businesses for donating prizes: Ben & Bill's, Bubba's Hot Dogs, Carousel Ice Cream, The Flying Horses, Giordano's, The Locker Room, M.V. Gourmet Bakery, Rose Bud Balloons, Shore Thing, and Sun Porch Books. We appreciate your encouragement of young readers! Many children read enough to earn Martha's Vineyard SRP T-shirts generously provided by the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs.

Other Programs

Summer also featured an appearance in the courtyard by "performance poet" Bob Zappacosta reading his own poetry.

Island resident Corinne de Langavant and Carol Jean Butler from Nantucket held an educational program on "Auditory Integration Training" for parents.

Displays in our front lobby included an exhibit for Black History Month by the Martha's Vineyard chapter of the NAACP, a selection of art masks created by Oak Bluffs School students, an informational display on voting and elections from the M.V. League of Women Voters, and collections of wood carvings by well-known resident Dick Brown.

The popular language classes in Brazilian Portuguese and English continued through May but stopped to put all energy into the new library construction. We do have the largest collection of Brazilian Portuguese materials on Martha's Vineyard. OBPL continued to add foreign language materials in several languages and media.

AUTOMATION

More library users are managing their library accounts and requesting their own materials from home computers as well as in-library, both through the CLAMS catalog and the Massachusetts Virtual Catalog, a joint project of the MBLC and UMass Boston. Now library members are able to search online catalogs of automated libraries and consortia across the state, and may request items for themselves, to be picked up at the OBPL. Through the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System (**SEMLS**) and the MBLC, library members can also search online for magazine, newspaper, and journal articles, many of which are available in full text. To use this service, type your library barcode number at: **<www.semls.org/home>**. Interlibrary loan and other SEMLS services are paid for with your state taxes.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Thanks to the Board of Trustees' support of continuing education, the whole staff attended two workshops held on Island for CLAMS Millennium Software new service modules. These cooperative events involving coordination among local CLAMS libraries and the CLAMS Central Site are very important because more Island library employees can attend. Some staff attended additional workshops at the CLAMS office in Hyannis; in particular Library Assistants Rosemary Hildreth and Patricia Duncan who represent the OBPL on CLAMS acquisitions, bibliographic and public services committees. We carpool to CLAMS membership and other meetings with people from other Island libraries whenever possible.

Sally Barkan attended SEMLS Reference Roundtable meetings to share information about reference services and resources.

In April, I attended the Massachusetts Library Association Annual Conference held in Falmouth. One especially useful program addressed managing big changes which occur in a library, such as our building project.

Sally and I attended the New England Library Association (NELA) annual conference in Manchester, NH. Several programs almost seemed tailored to current events in our Town. In addition, Cheryl Bryan of SEMLS agreed to offer a series of workshops on topics of special interest for OBPL staff in winter.

In October, Sally attended a three-part Collection Management Workshop at SEMLS. This is one of four MBLC workshops designed to improve and update professional skills. In another professional capacity, she served as Film and Cinema Website Selector for the CLAMS website.

VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs

The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs continued to accept donations of used books all year. Their Annual Book Sale at the Parish House in the Campground was financially one

of their most successful sales to date. The Library received the benefit of the Friends' hard work when they donated a two-year extension of the McNaughton Plan, a program that provides a monthly influx of newly published popular fiction, non-fiction, and large print books. They generously donated a fund to purchase craft supplies year-round, to support special events, and to pay for refreshments for certain programs as desired by the library. The Friends' were also generous with their cooking and baking, and provided a sumptuous spread at the Annual Holiday Open House in December.

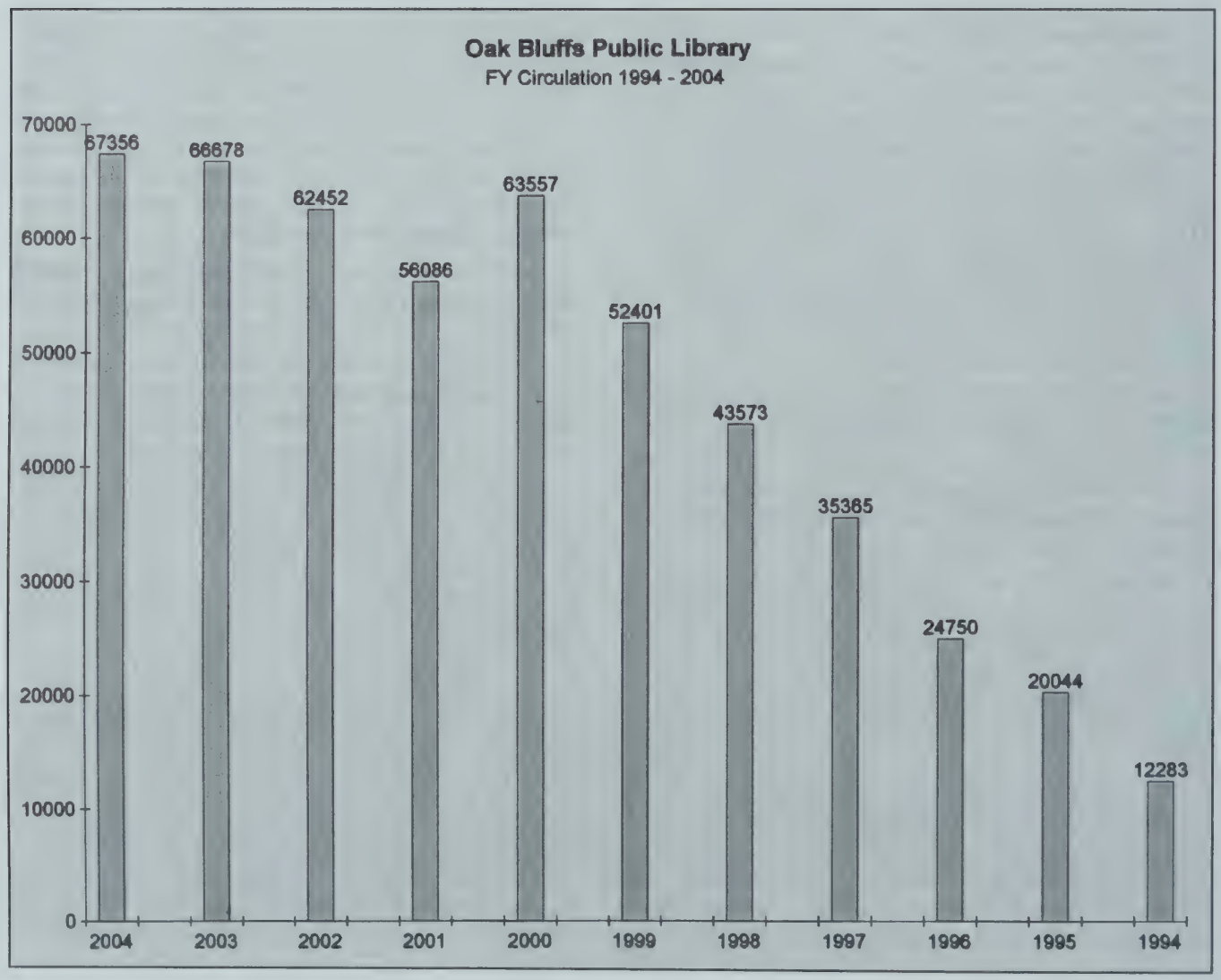
Other volunteers included Glenna Barkan, Wagner Bastos, Carol Dell, John Freeman, Lorraine Hoggan, Anthony Maseda, Mabel McCarthy, Pamela Melrose, Derli Morais, and Chesley Wiseman.

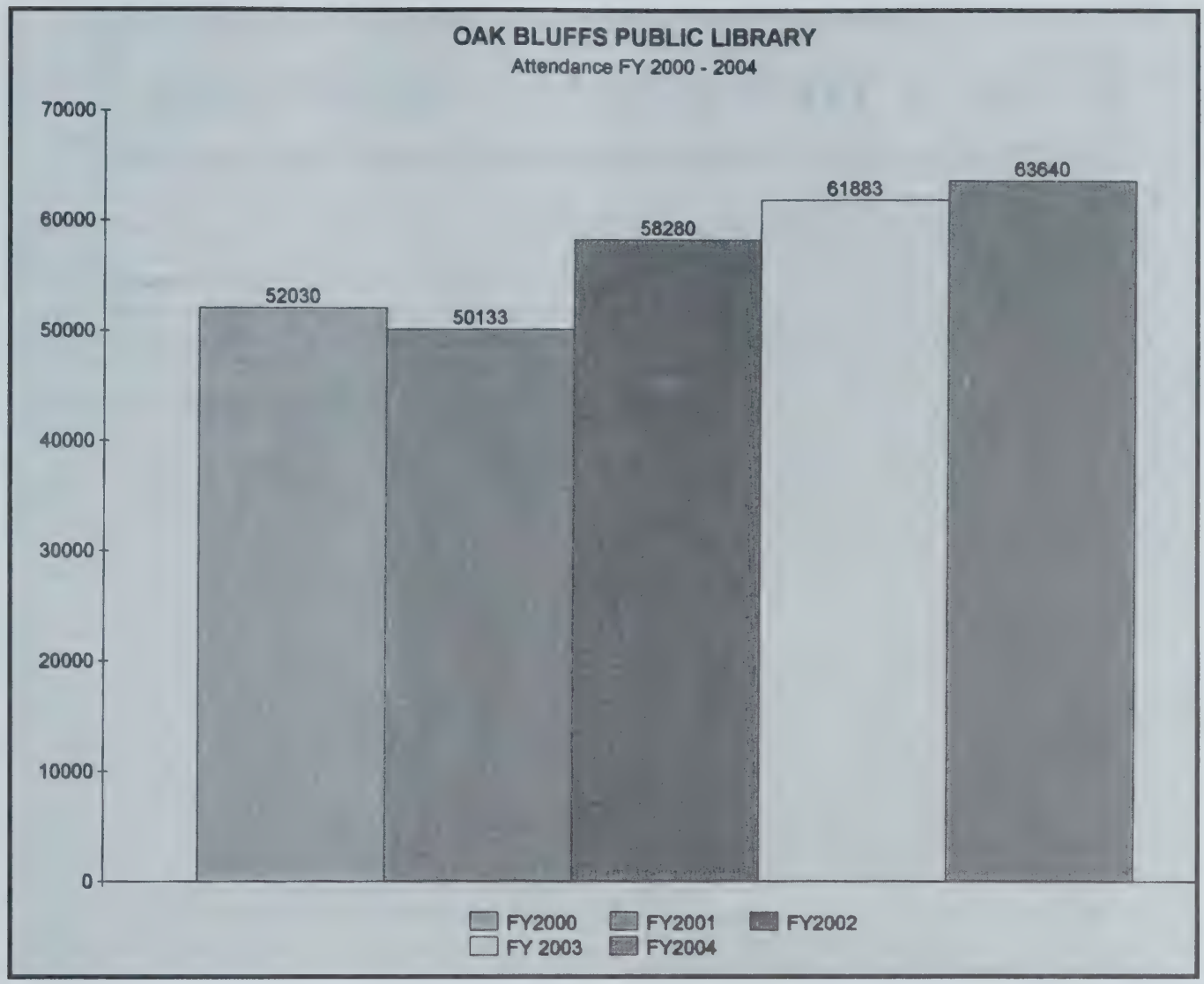
The best supporters include the Board of Library Trustees and subcommittees, the Building Committee, the Interior Design Committee, and the Capital Campaign Committee who are all working to have the best library possible for Oak Bluffs. So do the capable and dedicated library staff: Assistant Director Sally Barkan (who deserves thanks for helping with this report); Library Assistants Rosemary Hildreth, Anita Parker, and Patricia Duncan; Library Aides, Lois Virtue, Barbara Cassiani, Barbara Fehl, Deborah Suneson, Eve Heyman, Allison Lyttle, Slaveyko Ingilizov, Wagner Bastos, Sarah Gentile, and Barbara Whitmore.

All of the town departments support and help us when we need them. Thanks in particular to those we call on most often: the Highway Department under Richard Combra, Jr., Treasurer Donna Michalski, Computer Administrator Deborah Willoughby, the Board of Selectmen's office including Casey Sharpe, Alice Butler, and Shelley Carter.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA N. NORTON
Library Director

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Board of Health is responsible for all public health issues including, but not limited to enforcement of Title 5 Regulations, State Sanitary Code, Food Code, issues relative to hazardous waste, oil spills, housing, septage and trash complaints, air and water quality issues. The Board inspects all restaurants and bed and breakfast establishments to ensure proper sanitary conditions and food handling techniques, and investigates complaints of food-related illnesses and communicable diseases. Recreational camps must undergo inspection by the Board before opening.

In April 2004, the Board welcomed a new member, Linda Marinelli, who has accepted her responsibilities with enthusiasm and willingness to serve.

The final chapter on smoking regulations was written when the Board banned smoking in private clubs; this, following considerable dialogue with the parties involved. The Board wishes to thank the members of the VFW and PA Club for their participation in this process.

There is evidence of increased public awareness of the building restrictions in the Zone II area of town, based on the number of phone calls inquiring about purchasing houses or building additions to homes in this area.

The department enjoyed a good working relationship with the Vineyard Nursing Association, which served our citizens well throughout the year. There 24 blood pressure clinics, 89 home visits and 46 maternal-child visits. A very successful flu clinic was held in October, at which time 362 people received the vaccine. The nursing staff administered 5 varicella and 22 tetanus vaccines to children at the Oak Bluffs School The Senior Center hosted a free osteoporosis screening test, sponsored by the VNA, and was very well attended.

The Health Agent is participating in the Public Health Coalition, Region 5, which is part of the federal government's planning and procedures for emergency preparedness.

The following is a partial list of activities the board is involved in:

Food establishment permits issued	104
Food establishments inspections	277
Tobacco permits issued	14
Recreation Camp permits	6
Other operating permits (septic pumpers, septic installers, trash haulers, massage parlors)	159
Soil tests	132
Septic construction applications	116
Field inspections of septic systems	116
Water/beach testing and reports	12
Complaints (and responses)	153
Pumpout permits sold	242
Trash stickers sold	36,546
Vehicle landfill stickers	282
Vehicle landfill stickers-no charge	220

Income	
Income from Permits	42,336.40
Trash and vehicle stickers	138,457.50
Total Income	**$180,793.90**

I wish to thank the voters, the staff of the Board of Health office and my colleagues on the Board for their efforts on behalf of the citizens of Oak Bluffs.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WHITE, Chairman

COUNCIL ON AGING

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

2004 was truly a year in transition. We experienced the coldest winter in 100 years, but were warmed by familiar and friendly faces, engaged and sated by weekly breakfasts and nutritional lunches and stimulated by Friday morning 'Conversations'. After the thaw, our seasonal seniors returned to a center without staff! Attrition and injury cost us our Director, Outreach Coordinator and Activities Director in the same month, and forced the Board of Directors to assume a leadership role. We committed ourselves to ensuring that all programs and activities were fully staffed, and everyone stepped forward to volunteer her or his services in some way. We reinforced our mission, which is **to develop, promote and support programs and activities that enhance the quality of life for Oak Bluffs' senior population.**

We were especially fortunate to have Rose Cogliano come on board in July as the interim director. Her energy and high spirits were infectious and we knew at once it was a match. Each day began with her baking some scrumptious pastry and mingling cheerfully with the year rounders and the Polar Bears, making everyone at home. Rose saw to it that traditional activities such as woodcarving, chair caning, and watercolor classes continued, and gave thanks each day for the help and support she received from volunteers too numerous to name. A second trainer was recruited and our exercise program took off and became the most popular activity the center offered. Lunches are still among our liveliest social events with wonderful food and new and old faces (no pun intended) and our monthly Bingo is a staple all year.

The quilters, once again led by talented board member Glenna Barkan, raised over $2,000. to help those in need in our community, and began a new program making quilts for children: many were sent to Peruvian infants, and to The Linus program, to warm children in need on the cape and islands.

We were thrilled to welcome back our Outreach Coordinator Susan VonSteiger just as the summer season ended, and Susan got right back into the swing of things. Her list of 'people to see' grew significantly along with the Oak Bluffs senior population, which is now the highest on Martha's Vineyard.

Our center assumes responsibility for filleting and distributing shark meat donated by the annual 'Monster Shark Tournament' and serves as a distribution outlet for the bass and bluefish derby as well. Wherever possible, we deliver to those shut in or unable to get to us. Hundreds of pounds of fish were distributed in 2004.

In addition to offering hearing and blood pressure clinics servicing our aging citizens, we offer fuel assistance, social security advice and surplus food to any eligible islanders.

Your Board of Directors added a new board member last year and two alternates to our board of Directors. We recommended changes to staffing which were accepted by the Selectmen and the Town Meeting and ended the year interviewing finalists for the Director's position. We were happy to receive Mr. Roger Wey in that role and confident he will bring leadership, stability and vision.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McLAURIN, Chairman
GLENNA BARKAN
DIANNE WILSON
WM. 'BILL' CHRISTIAN
DOLORES VALERIANO
DIANE BALL
PATRICIA DORSEY

ISLAND COUNCILS ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Island Councils on Aging, Inc., (ICOA) is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization governed by a board of directors consisting of appointed representatives from each of the four Town Council on Aging boards (with Up-Island combining the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury). Each Council on Aging may appoint two voting representatives. The ICOA Board meets bi-monthly to discuss current programs, and work with the Directors of each of the Town Councils on Aging and Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, Inc. to maintain and develop programs that meet the growing and changing needs of seniors on Martha's Vineyard.

ICOA serves as an agency of the separate Town Councils on Aging for the specific purpose of obtaining and supervising the use of grants and other funds from federal, state, county and/or local governments and other sources. All six towns, through their respective Councils on Aging, support the ICOA operating budget. The level of local support is determined proportionally by population of those 60+ in each town. These funds are used to provide and coordinate various regional services for seniors on Martha's Vineyard. In FY 04, in addition to local support, ICOA received $13,700.00 in grants and other state, federal and local charitable funds to support these regional services.

The Island Councils on Aging office is located in the old wing of the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. The Coordinator works closely with the Council on Aging staff, Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc., and other municipal and private agencies to develop and provide services that will promote health, independence and lifelong learning. Our goal is to enable seniors to remain in their homes as active community participants as long as possible by assuring the availability of a continuum of supportive services to individuals, their families and caregivers.

The following are programs and services for which the Island Councils on Aging was responsible in FY2004:

Information and referral: The 55PLUS Times supplemental section, published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month. Through the combined efforts of the ICOA, Council on Aging Directors and staff, Elder Services and other contributors, the 55PLUS Times provides, in one monthly publication, comprehensive information pertaining to programs and services available to Island seniors and their families.

Taxi Service to off-Island medical appointments: Through a grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands and donations from participants, ICOA offers a taxi service for Island seniors to get to medical appointments in Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich. The service operates 7 days a week, picking passengers up at the Woods Hole ferry terminal and taking them via taxi directly to their appointment, then returning them to Woods Hole when their appointment is completed. The services has operated successfully since October 2003 and has carried over 100 clients to their medical appointments. Clients who have found the service useful and convenient have donated over $1,800 back tot he program.

Home-Delivered Holiday Meals: ICOA coordinates the holiday home delivered holiday meal program, providing a holiday meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. In November 2003, the owners of the restaurant Espresso Love and Atria in Edgartown came forward to volunteer their services, to provide the Thanksgiving meal for homebound seniors. They donated all the food and their labor to prepare a wonderful turkey dinner for 43 seniors on Thanksgiving Day, 2003. For the December and Easter holidays, a delicious meal was prepared by the Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service. Approximately 50 meals were delivered on each of those holidays. The 4 local Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns on each of these holidays.

Senior Day Program: FY2004 saw the Senior Day Program, the regional Supportive Day Care program based at the "Anchors" Senior Center in Edgartown, grow in leaps and bounds. Through the ICOA budget, all six towns contribute to the Senior Day Program operating budget, according to population percentage. This growth, although welcome and expected, puts increased burden on the staff and physical plant of the Edgartown Council on Aging and Senior Center. Considering projected future growth, Island Councils on Aging, as the regional sponsor, and supported by all towns, will endeavor to take on more responsibility for direct operation and oversight of the Senior Day Program. In addition, space constraints and state regulations have made the need to move the Senior Day Program out of the Edgartown Senior Center a critical issue. ICOA is working closely with Edgartown Council on Aging staff and Edgartown Town officials to make the best plan for the future needs of the Senior Day Program.

Older Americans Act: Elder Services Nutrition Programs, under the Older American Act (Meals on wheels and Senior Dining Centers located at the 4 Island Senior Centers), are supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Island Councils on Aging budget. In FY2004, the six towns on Martha's Vineyard contributed a combined total of $36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

Regional Lunch Program: ICOA coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts

Program to offer a full course gourmet meal at reasonable cost for seniors once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. The High School String Quartet students provide music for these events. This is a popular social event and a wonderful learning experience for both the students and seniors. During the school year, between 30 and 50 seniors attend these events on a monthly basis, and for $10-$12 per person, enjoy a wonderful 3-4 course meal, prepared and served by the Culinary Arts students.

Emergency Food Pantry Program: ICOA is responsible for coordinating the ordering, pick up and delivery of monthly shipments of surplus food from the Greater Boston Food Bank to the five food pantries on the Vineyard. These pantries are located at the four Senior Centers and the Island Food Pantry (located in the Baptist Church Parish House on William Street in Vineyard Haven). The surplus food program strives to provide a variety of free nutritious foods to needy Islanders of all ages. The Edgartown and Oak Bluffs Highway Departments and the Tisbury Dept. of Public Works volunteer trucks and personnel on a rotating basis, to make the monthly trips (excluding June, July and August) to Harwich for pick up of the food supply. The Steamship Authority supports this program by offering free passage for these trips. Recent years have seen a growing number of families in need of the food provided through this program. In FY2004, 1,622 cases of food were distributed through the food pantries on the Island. Some of these cases were purchased, for a total cost of $3,352.11. It should be noted that the amount spent to purchase food increased by $1,000 over the previous year because the availability of free food through the Greater Boston Food Bank has significantly decreased. In order to meet the rising demand and offset the decrease in the amount of free food, it was necessary to purchase more food. Additional food is purchased through the Greater Boston Food Bank at a reduced cost. The surplus food program serves an average of 250 families per month and operates from September through June.

FEMA: ICOA receives and allocates Federal Emergency Management Administration funds. These funds are used to assist low-income seniors with overdue utility bills and rent or mortgage payments when other resources have been exhausted. This year, FEMA funds were also allocated to purchase additional emergency food for the food pantries. In FY2004, $4,000 was allocated to the Island Councils on Aging for these purposes. These funds paid $2,275.30 on overdue utility bills and $600 for overdue rent for low-income seniors, and $1,209.18 for emergency food.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP, Director
Island Councils on Aging

PLANNING AND LAND USE

PLANNING BOARD

The Oak Bluffs Planning Board is a five member board that holds meetings and hearings to decide zoning matters for both residents and commercial areas of Oak Bluffs. A large part of the boards time this past year was the review of proposed subdivisions of land within the Town. Subdivision approval is based on the Planning Board's finding that the proposed conforms to the town's Zoning By-Laws and subdivision Rules and Regulations.

The Planning Board also recently rewrote the Town's Zoning Bylaws and had them approved by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting. We are currently investigating the creation of a new zoning district that would allow for low intensity year round business uses. The Planning Board also works to encourage projects that the Board feels are beneficial to the community.

A board member is an elected official. Any citizen wanting to run for this office may seek information from the Town Clerk's office.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

2,410 acres, representing 4% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the Land Bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries.

Acquisitions

Eight preserves and reservations were created or expanded in 2004:

(1.) Purchase of a 5-acre lot on the State Road in Aquinnah bridged the southern and northern sections of the ***Gay Head Moraine***. The property now totals 90 acres and stretches from the Lobsterville Road to near the Old South Road.

(2.) Approximately one-quarter of the shoreline of the Ice House Pond, an 11-acre freshwater pond off the Lamberts Cove Road in West Tisbury, was conserved via two transactions. The transactions, which occurred in 2003, were consummated by Boston attorney Roger Matthews, on the Land Bank's behalf; in 2004, Mr. Matthews conveyed the ownership directly into the Land Bank's name. The ***Ice House Pond Preserve*** is expected to be opened to the public in the summer of 2005.

(3.) The public coastline at ***Moshup Beach*** grew by 50% in 2004 when Anne Tagge sold her beach to the Land Bank. A wild sort of beauty defines the shore here, with its patches of sand and cobblestone, plus lateral views of the Gay Head Cliffs.

(4.) "Terminus" - a word usually associated with subways - takes on a rural meaning at the ***Three Ponds Reservation.*** By purchasing 4.0 hilltop acres along the Cape Poge Pond, the Land Bank has established the terminus of the cross-Chappaquiddick trail, which will begin 5 miles away at Wasque Point. Existing buildings will be scrubbed off the hill and beach, yielding an empty, grassy crest, punctuated by a few hickory trees, overlooking the water.

(5.) Each year, it seems that the Land Bank's patience is justified, as long-sought priorities come available. The 84-acre ***Tiasquam River Reservation*** sat for years on the Land Bank priority list, owing to its high seaviews, intriguing topography and adjacency to the Waskosim's Rock Reservation. Another significant chunk of the Middle Road has now been protected, another significant length of Chilmark trails has now been secured.

(6.) At the Chilmark and Edgartown Great Ponds, the Land Bank several years ago purchased a stretch of the barrier beach for use by the public. Now the Land Bank has done likewise with the ***Tisbury Great Pond Beach;*** 200 feet have been conserved, accessible by boat from the Sepiessa Point Reservation. Hartford attorney Victor Morganthaler was hired to serve as the Land Bank's agent and to purchase the property for the Land Bank; a deed into the Land Bank's name was thereafter recorded.

(7.) The ***Wapatequa Woods Preserve,*** with the Tisbury Meadow Preserve, serves an important function: to act as a greenbelt just outside Vineyard Haven center. Stitching together such a swath requires assembly of a number of parcels; Wapatequa Woods has grown from its initial 20 acres in 1988 to a total of 85 in 2004. One of the two acquisitions here this year also resulted in the conveyance of one acre (containing a house) to the Island Housing Trust Corporation, a local affordable housing entity, for $48,430.

(8.) Growth also characterized another Tisbury property, in this case on the other side of town: the linear feet of beach at the ***Wilfrid's Pond Preserve*** grew by 35% in 2004. All told, 670 feet of Vineyard Sound shoreline are owned by the Land Bank here..

Additional details about the above acquisitions follow:

	Property	Seller	Town	Acres	Price
(1.)	***Gay Head Moraine***	Beth Vages	Aquinnah	5.5	$ 200,000
(2.)	***Ice House Pond Preserve***	Judith Lane	West Tisbury	6.0	$ 1,250,000
		Nancy Schwentker		5.1	$ 750,000
(3.)	***Moshup Beach***	Anne Tagge	Aquinnah	3.2	$ 393,000
(4.)	***Three Ponds Reservation***	John Wasey	Edgartown	4.0	$ 2,555,000
(5.)	***Tiasquam River Reservation***	Robert Harrington	Chilmark	84.0	$ 8,300,000

	Property	Seller	Town	Acres	Price
(6.)	***Tisbury Great Pond Beach***	Anthony Lewis	West Tisbury	1.9	$ 320,000
(7.)	***Wapatequa Woods Preserve***	James Lobdell	Tisbury	10.1	$ 500,000
		Linda Kelsey	Tisbury	14.4	$ 691,570
(8.)	***Wilfrid's Pond Preserve***	Kelvin White	Tisbury	1.0	$ 200,000
		Alexandra West	Tisbury	0.4	$ 280,000
				135.6	$15,439,570

Land Management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Felix Neck Preserve, Gay Head Cliffs Preserve, Gay Head Moraine, Horatio Norton Farm, Ice House Pond Preserve, Moshup Beach Overlook and Tiasquam River Reservation. New management plans were completed and approved for the Middle Line Woods Preserve, South Indian Hill Woodlands Preserve, Three Pond Reservation and Wapatequa Woods Preserve.

Two new properties were opened, both with hilly trail systems and long-distance waterviews: Gay Head Moraine in Aquinnah and Middle Line Woods Preserve in Chilmark. Two new roadside fields were created; at Child Farm East on the Old County Road in West Tisbury and at the Three Ponds Reservation on the Chappaquiddick Road in Edgartown. Land Bank staff mowed out overgrown flatlands for the purpose of making them suitable for farming. Ongoing maintenance continued on various Land Bank properties across the island.

Cross-Island Hike

The Land Bank's twelfth annual Cross-Island Hike took place on National Trails Day, which is the first Saturday in June. This year's route started in the morning at Bend-in-the-Road Beach in Edgartown and finished in the late afternoon at Hillmans Point Preserve in Tisbury, a distance of 16 miles.

Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) $500 from the Aquinnah/Gay Head Community Association, Inc.; (2.) $25 from Sandra Halperin; and (3.) $200 from Albert and Meghan Schimanski.

Budget and Related Matters

The following chart synopsizes the Land Bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to read the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is welcome to obtain a copy at the Land Bank office:

	fiscal year 2004 budgeted cash amount and percentage of total	fiscal year 2004 actual cash amount and percentage of total	fiscal year 2005 budgeted cash amount and percentage of total
administrative expenses	$ 364,592 7.46 %	$ 337,706 3.30 %	$ 370,627 4.44 %
land management expenses	$ 447,493 9.15 %	$ 391,594 3.83 %	$ 531,776 6.37 %
debt service expenses	$ 3,033,318 62.00 %	$ 3,094,511 30.25 %	$ 3,481,860 41.70 %
reserve expenses	$ 30,000 0.61 %		$ 30,000 0.36 %
surplus revenues	$ 1,030,061 20.78 %	$ 6,404,168 62.61 %	$ 3,935,737 47.13 %
	$ 4,892,500 100.00 %	$ 10,227,979 100.00 %	$ 8,350,000 * 100.00 %

Surplus revenues are combined with accumulated surplus revenues from previous years, receipts from bond issues and return on investments; these monies are available for new land acquisitions. As of December 31, 2004 the Land Bank treasury contained $31,850,000, of which some $18 million dollars was earmarked for the 2005 purchase in the Oak Bluffs Southern Woodlands. The Land Bank is currently in active negotiations to purchase various properties whose aggregate value exceeds $72,200,000.

The asterisk (*) indicates the Land Bank's projection for revenues between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005.

Transfer Fee Revenues

2004 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	$ 122,992.41	1.1%
Chilmark Fund	$ 780,336.17	7.0%
Edgartown Fund	$ 2,081,895.35	18.6%
Oak Bluffs Fund	$ 1,014,158.36	9.1%
Tisbury Fund	$ 974,998.56	8.7%
West Tisbury Fund	$ 607,516.32	5.4%
Central Fund	$ 5,581,897.17	50.0%
	$ 11,163,794.34	100.0%

This represented a 35.8% increase over the previous year.

Commissioners and Staff

The Land Bank Commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Glenn Hearn, West Tisbury; Edith Potter, Commonwealth; Thomas Robinson, Tisbury; Michael Stutz, Aquinnah; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Matthew Dix, foreman; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; Linda LaBell, administrative assistant; James Lengyel, executive director; Donna Maurice, administrative assistant; Julie Schaeffer, ecologist; and Vernon Welch, conservation land assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL
Executive Director

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The year 2004 was an important one for the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

On the planning front, the Commission worked with the towns on a major effort: the preparation of Community Development Plans for each Island town. This program, financed by the Commonwealth under Executive Order 418 and by the MVC from existing town assessments, involved the preparation of a series of Geographic Information System maps identifying the suitability of presently undeveloped land for open space preservation, or for housing and commercial development. Most Island boards and many groups and individuals were involved in this effort that allowed compliation and updating of data that will serve the towns in the short term and will contribute to future planning efforts.

Also in 2004, the Commission organized a very popular series of public forums dealing with a variety of topics: smart growth, roadside views, the Vineyard economy, and water quality.

Both the Community Development Plans and the forums will serve as the basis for a three-year, Island-wide, community-based planning effort that the Commission will facilitate, starting in 2005.

At the request of the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury, the Commission coordinated a steering committee to represent the Vineyard Community with respect to MassHighway's proposal to replace the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge. The Commission is also analyzing the traffic impacts of a proposal by the Tisbury Planning Board to restructure the road network between Upper State Road and the Park-and-Ride, and is working with the Edgartown Planning Board on various options for dealing with traffic problems there. It also carried out extensive traffic counts all across the Island as well as an in-depth survey of Vineyarders distributed through Island newspapers.

The Commission continues its ongoing work in various other planning fields. It worked with the towns to help them renew their affordable housing certification. It carried out extensive water testing of Island coastal ponds and was an active participant of the newly formed Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance – coordinating action to maintain the quality of our surface and ground waters.

The Commission coordinates regular meetings of all-Island Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions and GIS users, allowing for coordination between groups as well as presenting guest speakers.

The Commission launched its website on July 27. This site provides access to the current calendar of Commission activities, to staff reports and drawings of upcoming Developments of Regional Impacts (DRI), and allows downloading dozens of studies and documents including newly-prepared guidance documents for DRI applications and nominations of Districts of Critical Planning Concern.

In addition to installing software at each town for viewing and manipulating the GIS and assessor data prepared for the Community Development Plans, the Commission installed Pictometry in each Island town hall and provided initial training on its use. This collection of scalable, oblique aerial photographs is an invaluable aid for town boards.

On the regulatory side of the Commission's responsibilities, the longstanding dispute over the Southern Woodlands was finally settled when the Commission approved a comprehensive development proposal on April 8. A new application made by the applicant, CK Associates, and the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank that respected principles previously outlined by the Commission's Executive Director. The proposal preserves and provides public access to 190 acres of this vast unfragmented woodland habitat. The owner will realize a reasonable return on his investment through development of a 26-lot clustered subdivision on 93 acres. An exchange of land with the Town of Oak Bluffs will facilitate construction of affordable housing.

In 2004, 29 projects were referred to the Commission as Developments of Regional Impact of which 5 were remanded back to the towns without action by the Commission. Of the remainder, 14 were approved, 3 are on hold, 6 are in progress, and 1 was denied.

The MVC joined with its counterparts on the Cape and Nantucket to create the Cape and Islands Regional Planning Alliance to facilitate mutual consultation, information-sharing and exploration of opportunities to formulate common positions on matters of mutual interest and concern.

The Commission prevailed in several court cases including an appeal of its decision in approving the Bridge Housing project in Tisbury and an upholding of its powers with respect to the Wampanoag Tribe.

The year ended with 135 people attending a very enjoyable dinner and evening's entertainment celebrating the Commission 30th anniversary, held in the Agricultural Hall.

Specific Activities for the Town Oak Bluffs

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Community Development Planning (EO418):**

  The MVC acted as consultant to the Town in completing the Oak Bluffs Community Development Plan to

examine open space and natural resource protection, affordable housing, and economic development. The Commission complied GIS maps of natural data, affordable housing, current zoning and open space and provided maps of Oak Bluffs. Completion of this plan retains the Town's eligibility for some two dozen grant programs.

- **Open Space and Recreation Plan Plan:** Following up the Community Development Plan, staff continued to provide data, graphics and technical review to the Conservation Commission in completing its update of the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- **GIS Support:** In addition to extensive work as part of the Community Development Plans and Pictometry described above, the MVC updated the zoning and zoning overlay maps of the town and installed a GIS data collection CD in Town Hall.

WATER RESOURCES

- **Water Quality and Coastal Ponds**: MVC staff conducted water sampling in Farm Pond, Sengekontacket Pond, Oak Bluffs Harbor, Upper Lagoon and Fresh Ponds. Staff assisted the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission with the water resource section of the Open Space Plan. Staff ran a trial eelgrass-seeding project in two locations in Sengekontacket Pond to determine the feasibility of seeding stations to restore eelgrass beds. Staff helped coordinate an 18-month assessment of the fresh water discharge flow from the Upper Lagoon Pond; when combined with test data this information will determine the amount of nutrients added to the Lagoon from the Upper pond. Staff monitored water table levels in 2 wells on a monthly basis.
- **Grant Assistance:** The MVC Water Resources Planner assisted the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department with the preparation of two grant proposals to Coastal Zone Management. The first would evaluate the nitrogen isotope ratio in marine plants and animals to assess sources (acid rain, wastewater or fertilizer) of nitrogen in Sengekontacket, Lagoon and Tashmoo ponds. The second grant proposal would survey the extent of phragmites reed in Farm Pond as a first step toward restoring high water quality to that pond.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT / HARBOR PLANNING

- **Environmental Review**: Commission staff reviewed and provided comments to MEPA and DEP for numerous projects, including the proposed SSA terminal in Oak Bluffs.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Traffic Data Collection:** MVC staff collected traffic counts at 13 different locations in Oak Bluffs.
- **Sengekontacket Pond Bridges**: MVC staff helped coordinate discussion of the proposal by MassHighway to replace the bridges over the inlets to Sengekontacket Pond, inviting interested parties to a roundtable discussion of how to proceed with the project in a manner that would result in bridges consistent with local needs and desires.
- **Drawbridge Reconstruction**: Worked with towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, as well as other groups and individuals, to formulate the Island's concerns and to coordinate with MassHighway.
- **Roundabout at Blinker**: Participated in the Town's effort and analysis to proceed with the roundabout.
- **Trails Planning**: Underwritten by the MV Land Bank, MVC staff continues to work on the protection of existing trails and the creation of new links to expand the network of Island trails.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **EO418 Housing Certification**: MVC staff assisted the town in completing and receiving housing certification for FY2005 from the Department of Housing and Community Development, which makes Oak Bluffs eligible for competitive and non-competitive state grants.
- **Inventory:** The MVC updated the Town's Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory and the Island-wide Affordable Housing Inventory.
- **Community Development Plans:** Affordable Housing Strategies and Economic Development Profiles.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- **DRI Review**: 4 Developments of Regional Impact in Oak Bluffs were reviewed by the Commission last year; 1 was approved, 1 denied and 2 are still in process.
- **DCPC Review**: The Town of Oak Bluffs proposed amendment to the Copeland Plan District to include the North Bluff area. The Commission and the Town Meeting voted to make the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK LONDON
Executive Director

VARIOUS REPORTS

DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (DCRHA)

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Residents of Oak Bluffs:

The Regional Housing Authority has increased its rental opportunities this past year by 20% and serves all the Island towns by providing quality housing to 94 working Island families and individuals. This past year the Regional Housing Authority has mobilized to find solutions to the housing crisis by creating Vineyard-scale housing opportunities in partnership with the towns they are located in.

This year saw an increase in the **Rental Conversion Program** that now provides affordable year-round housing to 53 Island families. The program provides a subsidy to assist income eligible families and individuals in paying monthly rent for private rentals, while also providing free rental services to homeowners in return for renting their properties year-round. The Island-wide program has been funded through the Island Affordable Housing Fund's *Houses on the Move* fundraising auction, and in Chilmark the Community Preservation Fund has funded units.

The Regional Housing Authority continues to maintain its **Rental Housing Waitlist** that includes 270 Island families and individuals. We own and/or manage 48 rental apartments located in the towns of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. This past year we successfully partnered with the Town of Tisbury to secure a $344,742 state grant to help finance the **Lagoon Pond Apartments** purchased in 2001. We also have plans to increase our rental housing stock through a proposal to build 4 additional apartments in West Tisbury on property owned by the Regional Housing Authority.

The **Island Affordable Homebuyer Clearinghouse** has grown over the past year to include over 226 Island families and individuals who want to purchase affordable homes. As part of our program we have organized a homebuyer's workshop and identified various types of homebuyer assistance for Island families trying to purchase their first homes.

The Regional Housing Authority has provided technical support in the development of an **Island Housing Trust**. The goal of this community based nonprofit housing organization, with representation from each of the Island towns, is to acquire land and make it available for affordable housing through long-term ground leases. We have also assisted the **Town of Oak Bluffs** in updating the town's inventory of affordable housing.

The **Vineyard Housing Office** on State Road in Vineyard Haven continues to grow as a central place for Islanders to work together on housing issues and as a clearinghouse for rental and homeownership opportunities. The VHO currently is home to the Regional Housing Authority, the Island Housing Trust, the Island Affordable Housing Fund, Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard, the Cape and Island Community Action Committee, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and The Resources Inc. The Vineyard Housing Office website at **www.vineyardhousing.org** is the most comprehensive resource for affordable housing for the Vineyard.

In an effort to increase awareness of housing issues and share specific information on housing programs, the Regional Housing Authority has sponsored several **Vineyard Housing Forums** this past year. We have also published quarterly **Housing Briefs** that provide information and resources for those involved in affordable housing on Martha's Vineyard. Please contact us if you want to receive regular Housing Briefs.

Finally, the Regional Housing Authority is grateful to the Town of Edgartown for their financial support and their efforts in seeking affordable housing solutions.

The DCRHA Board of Directors:

MARK SEWARD, Chair, Oak Bluffs
ABBE BURT, Vice Chair, Tisbury
MELISSA NORTON, Treasurer, Edgartown
MOLLY FLENDER, Chilmark
DERRILL BAZZY, Aquinnah
ERNIE MENDENHALL, West Tisbury
JULEANN VANBELLE, State Appointee
LEO FRAME, Island-wide

PHILIPPE JORDI, Executive Director
TERRI KEECH, Administrative Coordinator
JAMES O'BRIEN, Property Manager

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

At the April 2004 Annual Town Meeting, it was voted to transfer and expend $30,000.00 from Sale of Cemetery Lots for new fencing along Pacific Avenue and repave within the cemetery. The Commissioners feel that with the new library across the street that new fencing was a priority and this project should be completed in the spring of 2005. A surveyor was also hired to mark the bounds of the cemetery including the new area and this area should be cleared by the end of next year.

The Town Carpenter began the re-shingling project on the cemetery building but was delayed due to personnel changes and weather. There are also plans to replace all the windows.

We would like to thank Gail Landers and the Highway Department personnel for their hard work in the upkeep of Oak Grove Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE B. LAW III, Chairman
JAMES MASEDA
MELANIE BIOLDEAU

COTTAGE CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Cottage City Historic District Commission enjoyed its first full year of operation in 2004. Last year the CCHDS reviewed over 40 applications for building projects within the district, ranging from applications for fences to new residential and commercial structures. The commission issued 18 certificates of appropriateness, 20 of non-applicability, and four of hardship. The commission also held several public hearings over the course of the year.

The members of the commission continue to be impressed by the affection and stewardship Oak Bluffs residents demonstrate for our historic structures. They understand, as we do, that protecting them is more than a cultural exercise. Many of our townspeople's livelihoods are directly tied to tourism, and historic preservation protects and enhances our town's appeal as a unique place to visit.

The commission further believes that there is work yet to be done. The North Bluff, Circuit Avenue, and parts of the Highlands are vulnerable to insensitive development unless protection is also extended to historic buildings in these places as well.

Once again, we encourage residents to take advantage of the public process that is established under the CCHDC bylaw. The best way to evaluate the operation of the CCHDC is to attend one of our many regular meetings or public hearings. The bi-monthly meeting schedule of the CCHDC is posted in the Town Hall. Residents contemplating projects within the district are encouraged to review the district's by-laws and architectural guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

S. DAVID WILSON, Chairman

OAK BLUFFS HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

To the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen:

During the fall, the commission worked with members of the new library design team to review plans for the Historical wing. The commission was able to obtain historic pictures of Oak Bluffs Harbor that were removed from the walls of Compass Bank when the bank changed owners. The Sovereign Bank has donated the pictures to the Town for possible use at the new library.

The commission received additional funding from Peter Norton that enabled them to publish 20,000 copies of the Oak Bluffs Historic Walking Tour again this year. This wonderful publication was distributed at the Information Booth and at various locations throughout Town.

The commission has also begun to study ways to help fund future projects for the Historical Commission. Some suggestions have included the sale of historic maps and/or the sale of historic plaques. The commission hopes to use funds for educational programming. This work will continue through 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

RENEE BALTER, Chairman
PRISCILLA SYLVIA, Secretary

Members: DAVID WILSON
PAM MELROSE
SUSAN THOMPSON
ALISON SHAW

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Local Cultural Council program, which was formed in 1982. The mission of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Martha's Vineyard residents.

During the summer and early fall of 2003, the Boards of Selectmen of the six Martha's Vineyard towns created the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council by combining all six town Local Cultural Councils into a single Island-wide regional organization. Each town appointed three voting members to the new council, which met formally for the first time in November, 2003 to regrant state funds allocated to Martha's Vineyard for cultural projects by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. 2004 was the Council's second year and grant cycle.

Grants are considered on an application basis, with a yearly deadline of October 15th. Instructions, guidelines and application forms are available at http://www.mass-culture.org. and also at each Town Hall. The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council gives special priority to projects originating on, and for the benefit of the Island community. Grant applicants who are not based in one of the six towns of the Island of Martha's Vineyard must have a local partner or host. Off-Island applications must include a letter of support from their Martha's Vineyard sponsor specifically describing how this project would benefit the Island community. Priority is given to events scheduled to benefit the year-round community of Martha's Vineyard, not just the summertime population.

In 2004, in addition to the $12,000 allocated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for local regranting, the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council was the beneficiary of a fund-raising event by two generous Island individuals. Robert and Marjory Potts of Vineyard Video Productions, West Tisbury, donated the profits from the Vineyard premiere of their new video "Their Lives in Art: Robert Henry and Selina Trieff." The donation amounted to $1,281.

Of the 35 applications received in 2004, the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council granted at least partial funding to 24 applicants, amounts depending on the perceived merits of each project. All grant allocations were then reviewed and approved by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Projects are awarded on a reimbursement basis once the project is completed. Projects approved and funded by the MVCC in 2004 were as follows:

Peter Luce, Four Staged Drama Readings:	$653
Corinne de Langavant, Friday Night Live:	$464
Troubled Shores, Inc., IMP Scholarship Fund:	$1,047
Nathan Mayhew Seminars, M. V. Writers' Coffee House:	$315
Alexis Major, The Poet from Arkansas:	$366
Vineyard Playhouse Company, Teen Theater Express:	$12,00
KCT Concerts, Traditional Music Concert Series:	$500
The Yard, Inc., Artists in the Schools Residency:	$789
Lynn Ditchfield, The Critical and Creative Integration of Media and the Arts Project:	$389
Martha's Vineyard Historical Society:	$1,573
Janet Applefield, Combatting Hate and Prejudice:	$332
Thomas Bena, M. V. Independent Film Festival:	$1,228
Thomas Bena, "What is a Home?" Documentary film:	$545
Silver Screen Society, Inc., Programming and Speakers:	$1,101
Shearer Cottage, A Century of Shearer Cottage:	$649
Abby Bender, Built on Stilts Community Dance Festival:	$975
The Yard, Inc., Annual Multicultural Residency:	$891
Nora Laudani, Teeny Bug:	$512
Vineyard Sinfonietta, Inc., Concert Series: 2004-2005:	$939
Spindrift Marionette Troupe, Shows:	$439
Island Community Chorus, Concerts:	$834
Cape Cod Ballet Society, Inc., M. V. Nutcracker Gala:	$133
Chilmark Women's Symposium:	$40
Jane Dreeben, The Body Project MV:	$532

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL WATERS, Chair

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council Membership

Aquinnah
- Jean Entine
- Kathy Newman
- Carrie Vanderhoop

Chilmark
- Chris Dreyer
- Happy Spongberg
- Bonnie George

Edgartown
- Dorothy Gunderson
- Carolyn Kildegaard
- Cathy Lewis

Oak Bluffs
- Bridgette Allen
- Sandra Grymes
- Holly Nadler

Tisbury
- Wiet Bacheller
- Dolly Campbell
- Joanne Horgan, Co-Chair

West Tisbury
- Andrea Hartmann, Treasurer
- Julia Mitchell
- Daniel Waters, Chair

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Cape Light Compact was formed in 1997 following two years of study and votes of town boards of selectmen and town council. It is organized through a formal intergovernmental agreement signed by all 21 member towns and Barnstable and Dukes counties. The purpose of the Cape Light Compact is to advance the interests of consumers in a competitive electric supply market, including the promotion of energy efficiency. Each participating municipality has a representative on the Compact Governing Board, which sets policy and works with staff, technical and legal support to advance the Cape Light Compact programs.

In 2004, metered electric customers in Oak Bluffs who established accounts after March of 1998, formerly on Default Supply service, saved approximately $34,224.50[1] through the competitive electricity supply contract negotiated by the Cape Light Compact with Mirant. For calendar year 2004, rebates and other efficiency incentive programs provided to the Town by the Compact totaled approximately $73,773.99 brought savings to 212 participants of $26,053.02 or about 186,093 kilowatt-hours of energy saved for 2004.

Funding for the energy efficiency programs[1] (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from a monthly customer "energy conservation" charge ($0.0025 cents multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month) that appears on each customer's electric bill.

This year, the Compact sponsored a regional efficiency awareness campaign. This campaign was targeted toward citizens who attend town meeting. Prior to the start of town meeting, each attendee received a free energy efficient light bulb and energy savings information.

Other specific Cape Light Compact activities included:

- Energy Fairs where customers were given incentives to turn-in inefficient air conditioners and dehumidifiers.
- Coordination with National Energy Education Development (NEED) to train teachers and implement the energy education program in the third, fourth, and fifth grades across the Cape and Vineyard.
- Awards include: NEED Region of the Year and the Association for Energy Professionals (AESP) International Award of Merit for Innovation in Marketing.
- Energy efficiency improvements for the town include: Martha's Vineyard Commission, and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE BUTLER
Oak Bluffs Representative

[1]Estimated 2004 calendar year savings through 11/04.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

To the Board of Selectmen:

For Fiscal Year 2004, I am glad to report a 2% increase in passenger boardings and a 6% increase in revenue from Fiscal Year 2003. I am also pleased to announce that passenger boarding analysis shows a continued growth in off-season use of our transit system.

As of the publication of this report, the VTA is approaching two full years of occupancy in their new Operations and Maintenance Center. This new Center has been a significantly positive junction in the growth and development of efficient daily operations, employee communications, and overall system enrichment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our operating company, Transit Connection, Inc., and their employees for their continued commitment to improving our public transit system. I would also like to express my appreciation to all of the town and local boards for their cooperation, as well as my staff for their dedicated efforts. Most of all, I would like to thank the community and our passengers for their continued support of our Island-wide year-round service.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELA E. GRANT
Administrator

What's New

Free and Dedicated Park and Ride Service

Through an agreement between the Steamship Authority, Town of Tisbury and the VTA, free and dedicated Park and Ride service is now provided between the Tisbury Park and Ride Lot and the Vineyard Haven Steamship Authority. The Town of Tisbury owns and operates the parking lot and is responsible for setting parking rates and regulations. The VTA provides dedicated service between the ferry terminal and the parking lot in a continued effort to meet all arriving and departing ferries.

Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) Leases Office Space

In May 2004, the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) leased first-floor office space at the VTA Operations and Maintenance Center. This mutually beneficial relationship helps to lower State costs and bring in extra revenue for the VTA. With access to the VTA's CDL training course, the RMV along with the VTA, hope to bring the convenience of CDL licensure back to the Island.

New Vehicles

In the Spring of 2004, the VTA was able to receive four new vehicles through State and Federal funding: a 2004 Ford E450 Van, a 2004 Ford E350 Van, a 2004 Bluebird Bus, and a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado custom maintenance truck. The two new Ford vans replace older paratransit vans in the fleet. The new Bluebird bus allows the VTA to have all of the same equipment on Route #13. The custom maintenance truck is equipped with an air compressor, push bar and snow plow.

Period Pass Fare Increase

In an effort to raise revenues when our State funding was pushed back to FY2001 levels, the VTA Advisory Board voted to raise fares effective July 1, 2003. The increase was $1.00 each for one day, three day and seven day period passes. The new prices voted were: one day, $6; three day, $11; seven day, $16.

In January 2004, the VTA Advisory Board voted another fare increase for all multi-day passes and annual passes. The new prices are as follows: Three day, $15; seven day, $25; 31 day, $40; annual pass, $100; student/disabled annual pass, $50. The one day pass remained at $6.

Fixed Route Services

The VTA operates a year-round Island-wide fixed route service for the Island of Martha's Vineyard. The level of transit service provided varies with the change in season due to the resort nature of the Island. Peak season service runs from mid May to mid October and includes approximately twenty-two (22) buses over fourteen (14) routes. Shoulder season service runs from mid October to the beginning of November and mid April to mid May. The shoulder season typically runs six (6) routes with extended weekend service. Off season service runs from the beginning of November through mid April. Off season services runs six (6) routes with no extended weekend service.

The Route #10 Tisbury Park and Ride service was increased, with a dedicated Mini-bus meeting every Steamship Authority Ferry arrival and departure. This service increase was the result of an agreement between the VTA, SSA and the Town of Tisbury. Overall, in FY04 VTA ridership saw a 2% increase over FY03.

VTA Ridership Comparison By Route - FY2003 & FY2004

Italic indicates a decrease from the previous year and ***Bold italic*** indicates an increase from the previous year.

	FY2003	FY2004
Route #1 (Edg-VH Rd.)	133,504	***134,127***
Route #2 (WT-VH via LC)	7,437	***9,402***
Route #3 - 4 - 5 - 6	124,378	*118,590*
Route #7 (OB-County/Barnes/NY)	5,282	***6,104***

	FY2003	FY2004
Route #8 (South Beach)	38,215	*48,731*
Route #9 (OB & Airport)	8,152	*11,825*
Route #10 (Tisbury Park and Ride)	9,875	*34,345*
Route #10A (West Chop)	4,681	*3,835*
Route #11 (Downtown Edgartown)	23,997	*21,198*
Route #12 (Chilmark Inn/Beach)	3,949	*3,659*
Route #13 (Edg.-OB-VH via Beach Rd)	402,259	*383,721*
Office-Season Routes (Columbus Day-mid May)	Included above	Included above
Total	**761,731**	***775,504***

Passenger Boardings by Month

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004
July	243,198	227,574	216,983
August	257,000	246,420	228,092
September	86,371	79,761	83,448
October	29,969	32,364	40,334
November	7,674	6,188	10,659
December	4,949	6,740	7,221
January	4,300	4,593	6,114
February	4,848	3,823	6,694
March	6,405	4,194	7,898
April	13,098	12,943	16,943
May	38,587	39,849	48,420
June	91,190	95,282	102,598
Total	**787,589**	**761,731**	**775,504**

FY04 Program Statistics

	Fixed Route	Demand Response	Fully Funded
Facts:			
Annual Ridership	775,417	14,041	3,383
Annual Farebox Revenue	$955,597	$8,121	$37,393
Annual Cost of Operations	$1,997,464	$489,498	$37,373
% of Farebox Recover of Operating Costs	47.84%	1.66%	
Fleet Size	22	7	
Fixed Route/Demand Response Statistics:			
Number of Fixes Routes	14		
Annual Passenger Trips	775,417	14,041	
Annual Revenue Hours	51,530	5,312	
Annual Revenue Miles	653,328	78,678	
Annual Vehicle Hours	53,640	5,529	
Annual Vehicle Miles	690,819	80,328	

"The Liff'

The Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority provides year-round paratransit service to the Island's six (6) towns. The *Lift* made 17,496 trips in Fiscal Year 2004, a decrease of 1,834 trips or 9.5% from Fiscal Year 2003. The following is a breakdown of *Lift* trips by purpose:

Trip Purpose	Trips
Medical	3,522
Nutrition	2,563
Social/Recreational	8,448
Shopping	795
Education/Employment	2,168
Total Trips	**17,496**

The total amount of miles accrued this Fiscal Year was 82,676, which represents a decrease of 8,201 miles or 9% from Fiscal Year 2003. Fiscal year 2003 saw a 14% decrease in mileage from Fiscal Year 2002. The continued decrease of *Lift* trips over the last three years can be primarily attributed to the expansion of our year-round Island-wide fixed route service. Many *Lift* clients are now able to utilize our fixed route service during peak and the off seasons instead of relying on paratransit services.

Federal Section 5310, Mobility Assistance program (MAP), administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC), is the source of most of the capital funding for this service.

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REVENUE

Farebox and Other	974,478
Self Funded	104,319
State	1,065,664
Local	450,140
Federal	283,000
	2,877,601

EXPENSES

Fixed Route	2,104,307
Administration/Debt Service	195,446
Demand Response	473,529
Self Funded	104,319
	2,877,601

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